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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1733. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol.* 10, *pp.* 1-27].

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS, FOR AFFAIRS, OF THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. The last season we addressd y^r. Honours by the Duke of Cumberland, and Derby under date of the 28^th. of August, by the Aislabie and Francis the 13^th. of January, and by the Walpole the 31^st. of that Month, besides a short Letter sent by the way of Tellechery, and Angengo, to Inform you of the accident happened to the Eyles, which We have an Account was forwarded to you by Ship Monmouth to England, and by a Country ship to Bussero, to be from thence sent your Honours, overland. 10th. Novr. 1732 Park. 1. 2. 3d. 13th. Decr. par. 1, 6 Feby. par. [5th].

2^d. Since that time wee have been Honoured with your Orders dated the 10^th. November, 13^th. Decembr. and 6^th. February, 1732 to all which wee now reply, and hope to give such an Account, of your affairs under our Management, as shall merit your Approbation.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3^d. All the ships consign'd us this season arrived, and were despatch'd in the following order, to their several Ports Viz^t. 10th. Novr. par. 4, 5th. 13 Decr. par. 2d. 6 Febry. par. 2d.

	Arriv'd.	Sail'd.	
Price Augustus	20^th. Aprill ...	25 May ...	tó China.
Devonshire	28^th. ...	18^th. ...	to Bengal.
Decker	28^th. June ...	16^th. July ...	
Britania	28^th. ...	4^th. Aug^t. ...	
Normanton	14^th. July ...	18^th. ...	
Lethieullier	17 now under Dispatch for England.		

4. Of the others sent out this Year, the Royal Guardia[n] arriv'd in Bengal, the Harrington at Bencoolen [from whence it] will be Dispatch'd a full ship, and the [*a few words lost*] our ships from Mocha bring advice [*a few words lost*] there, The two ships which [*a few words lost*] season, return'd from [*a few words lost*] proceeded, to the Bay, Viz^t. [*a few words lost*].

5. Wee Read with Pleasure, that our proceedings with respect to the Cadogan met Your Honours App[r]obation. 10th. Novr. par. 6.

6. As to your ship George we last year advised, That the Captain of her dyed on the West Coast, and that in their return from thence, wherein they spent upwards of five Months, the ship nearly escaped being lost, having parted all her Cables, and had she not reciev'd assistance from the Dutch, (for which wee have retur[n]'d them thanks, in a Letter sent to Negapatam for that Purpose) she must infalibly have drove ashore, The Consideration of the Difficulties and dangers in the Passage, thrô the Islands have occasiond us to give Directions to the Deputy Gov^r. & Council of Fort Marlborough, that if any of your Vessels be despatch'd from thence after the last of December, or before the first of Septemb^r. they do give the Comander positive orders to go to the southward into the South east trade, and to endeavour to make Ceylone, which wee hope you will approve. [Letters sent N°. 18, Letters N°. 16, Consultation 2^d. January.]

7. It can't be Imagin'd but that after so tedious a Passage, and so many dangers as this ship passed, she should be in want of repairs, part of which was done at Vizagapatam where she first fell inn, and the rest after her arrival here, Wee are

as exact as possible in inspecting the expence both of her and the Madrass Galley, and allow of no expence or supplies which don't appear to us to be necessary, nor do we send them oftener to the West Coast, then wee think is for your service, and when they go you will find by the Manifest of goods sent on them, that the full freight is paid you for what they carry.

8th. 20th. 8. Wee shall be carefull to recover the value of all goods damag'd or Deliver'd short of Invoice from the Comanders, of Vessels that bring them, as we did this year from the Master of sloop Cossimbuzar, for four jarrs of Oyl short of his Invoice, and of the Master of sloop Charming Phillis for [sundries] wanting in what sent on her to Fort S^{t}. David [Consultation 17th. Aprill Letters recd N°. *lacuna*.]

[9. *A few words lost*] Consequnce shall be, & indeed a [*a few words lost*] the Board. [*Lacuna*] [*a few words lost*] year 1729/30 [*a few words lost*].

10th. 10. Wee wish it w[ere] in our power to give Your Honours a fuller Acco[un]t of the proceedings of the French [*lacuna*] Investment and of the Cargoes of their ships then what wee now send in the Packet, but their affairs are carried on with so much secrecy, that wee apprehend it is not to be done, The Deputy Governour and Councill have a Copy of your Orders, on this subject and wee doubt not will be as exact as Possible.

11th. 11. If there should be an urgent occasion for keeping back a ship after her Charterparty is expired wee shall observe the Directions you are pleased to give, and enter our Consultations [*lacuna*] so doing with the reasons for it, but wee are in hopes there will very seldom happen any instances of this kind.

12th. 12. Wee shall not fail to let all Comanders and others belonging to our ships know what fatal Consequences will infallibly attend their behaving themselves in any of the Dutch ports, in the like or any other unfriendly manner as Captain [*lacuna*].

13th. 13. Your orders for sending sixty Tunns of Redwood to the Bay for the Royal Guardian came too late for us to procure it before the setting inn of the southerly Monsoon We contracted for [*lacuna*] and Candies the quantity usually, early in the year and have sent all of it except what wee wanted for the Lethieullier [*lacuna*] but as by our Calculate, that is not sufficient for all the ships, and that the Winds coming about to the Northward, wee have got another supply, we have laden Forty tonns more on your ship George, (Just arriv'd from Bencoolen whither she was sent the beginning of March) and Dispatch'd her with that, w^{ch}. will compleat the quantity wanted.

14th. 14. As wee are in want of a further quantity of salt petre for the Prince Augustus, then what [we were] unfortunately supply'd with by the Eyle's [we have] desir'd the Governour and Coun[cil of Bengal to] put two hundred baggs on [board . . .] [send] her away as soon as the [season . . .] at Vizagapatam and fill [. . .] will prevent our being so [. . .] of the season to get [. . .].

15. In obedience to your orders for sending home a ship early in October, Wee now Dispatch the Lethieullier with a full loading, and as it is undoubtedly a great disappointment to Captain Sheppeard not to have gone to the Bay, wee begg leave to recommend him to your Honours favour. Wee shall have a Cargoe for the Prince Augustus in January, The Eyle[s]'s Bengal Cargoe, and sixteen hundred Bales of Coarse goods to take in, which wee have wrote by the George to the President and Councill of Bengal to desire they will send us Tonnage ([h] Letters sent N°. 85.)

16. The Madrass Galley built for your account at Pegue measures about ninety tonns, she is now at the West Coast service and wee expect will be back in Decemb^{r}. she shall always be employ'd when any opportunity offers for her earning somthing to defray her expences.

17. Wee advised your Honours overland, the 7th. July of the Eyles's misfortune, just as she was ready to be dispatch'd, The day before she sprung a leak which on examination it was found could not be stoped here, and consequently she could not

be sent away, as therefore the cargoe was unlivering, wee Demanded an account in writing from the Captain, of the causes of his sending the goods ashore, and on survey finding the ship not capable of proceeding the Voyage, wee Protested in form against her.

18. When the Captain Determin'd to goe to Bengal to refit his ship, he requested us to spare him some old useless guns because sand Ballast in a leaky ship was Dangerous, which as wee little apprehended, the accident since happen'd, and that wee had thereby an opportunity (agreable to your orders for returning all old useless guns) to send them home freight free, wee let him have them, as they are since lost in the ship, wee have [taken] his bond for the same quantity [to be delivered] you in England ([n] Consultation [. . .] 22[d]. Septemb[r].)

19. Captain Winter when wee demanded the Cargoe he had broug[ht] from Bengal, of him, answer'd to that, he had sign'd bills of ladin[g] to deliver the same in England, and that therefore he Design'd after refiting his ship, to return hither and take it in again and in the mean time he wanted to lodge it in secure godowns, Wee thereupon offer'd him a Company's serv[t]. to assist the people he should leave here, to look after it, which wee told him could be necessary, to prevent any Damage happening by the leaking of a godown or from the white aunts or otherwise since his return he has Delivered over the whole Cargoe except [*lacuna*].

SECONDLY GOODS FROM EUROPE.

20. As wee had Twenty five Chests of silver, left after supplying the China ships, Wee Dispatch'd the Devonshire with it to Bengal without detaining her for any respect, The other ships carried eighty Chests more of silver, and seventy five of Rupees, which except what put on board the China ships, & reserv'd for Vizagapatam, is all the silver wee have recied this Year. Wee read with great satisfaction your Honours approval of our sending all the silver to Bengal the former year and when ever our Cash encreases to a larger sum then sufficient for our own Demands, wee shall not fail to purchase silver to send thither.

21. In answer to your remark on the price paid for the French silver, wee begg leave to tell your Honours that your not having sold any silver for several seasons, is a very good reason for the Price being higher then when you used to sell, since so large a supply was thereby Cut off, and that our purchasing the French silver to send away made yet a greater scarcity here, and did undoubtedly enhance the Price. The Difference between the rate at which wee bought [that] silver and which wee have now sold it, is also to [be accounted] for, by the Disappointment wee were then [put to by the] non arrival of our Manilla ship, & [*a few words lost*]ing her Cargoe behind, whereby [*a few words lost*] this place, which would other [*a few words lost*] lower'd the Price.

22. The Cake of silver mentioned to you to [*lacuna*] Invoice, and of which a piece was sent [you . . .] in a little bagg, was sent from the Warehouse directly to the Mint, to be Coined for Bengal, and the piece was there cut off in order to be assay'd. The mark on the bag was accidental it being as wee suppose among bagg on which some person who receiv'd it of Tomby Chitty had wrote his name, but the Chest was deliver'd to him or any one else except the Essay Master.

23. Wee have receiv'd no wine from Persia nor indeed has any ship arriv'd here this season from thence, The Madera Wine Your Honours were [so] good to send us, and which wee last year gave you [hopes] would fetch a great price, sold in a Medium [at] no more then at Thirty three and three quarters Pagodas ℔ Pipe occasion'd partly by the quantity being then usual, and partly by a Considerable quantity of Cape wine brought to the Coast by the Danes ship, The leakidge has been in all eight Pipes thô survey'd on board and found in good Condition ([a]Consultat[n]. 6 Sep[r]. Consult[n]. 23 July.)

24. Wee make it a Constant rule to sell all goods of Considerable value at Outcry, the woollen goods only excepted which are on Contract to your Merchants, as your Honours will observe has been done this Year in the sale of the Madera Wine, the Lead and the China Cargoe ([e]Consultation 11[th]. August, Septemb[r]., [*lacuna*] Consultation 11[th]. June 27[th]. July, Consult[n]. 13[th]. March 27[th]. May).

25. The Consumption of Broad Cloth on this Coast has been exceeding small for some time and still continues so, insomuch that our Merchants will not be brought to make any Indent by this ship : Wee take all imaginable care to confine the consumption of it to this Coast, least the sale of what is sent to your other settlements should be prejudiced thereby.

26. [There will] allway's unavoidably be a waist in the [*a few words lost*].

27. [We have alrea]dy told your Honours, that our Merchants are not to be prevail'd upon to make an Indent for Broad cloth this year, when the Time came that they were to pay for what deliver'd them the last, they declared themselves absolutely incapable of doing it, as the Cloth still lay in our hands and wee sencible of the utter impossibility there was, for them to raise such a sum, wee [. . .] d'd to allow them twelve months more Credit they paying interest on the amount, They have accordingly executed a Bond, for Ninety two thousand six hundred [and] nineteen Pagodas, eight fanams, the value there[of and] are very pressing with us to recommend them to Your Honours to be excused the Interest, which wee can do in no other manner then by refering you to the account given last year of the many Difficulties they then lay under and w^{ch}. still subsist, They have contracted for [wh]at received this Year, but wee fear will be as unable to pay for that when due as they are now for the former Parcel, however as we do not deliver it to them till they pay for it there can be no other disappointment thereby but in point of [time] [^{h}Consulta-tion 9th. Aprill ^{c}Consult^{n}. 17th. Aprill, ^{c}Consulta^{n}. 30th. Aprill, ^{k} Consulta^{n}. 30th. Aprill].

28. The Manilla ship was sail'd before wee recieved the fifty Bales of blue Cloth for that market and as we have Indented for more to come next year wee shall sell this parcel.

29. We acknowledge with great thankfullness the encouragement given to our China voyage by your Honours indulging us in the quarter of a Dollar in ten Pagodas.

30. In relation to the wollen goods indulged your Commanders, wee last year transmitted to you a Copy o[f our] Merchants petition setting forth the prejudice it was [to them] in their sales to which we beg to be refered.

31. [On] the arrival of the Lyell from China [*a few words lost*] wee last year wrote your Hon^{rs}. [*a few words lost*] for money that we were obliged [*a few words lost*] chests of silver [she] brought [*a few words lost*] but also to Purch[ase from the] Supra Cargoes and Captain all the gold they brough[t along with them] in silver on the arrival of our ships. The [rates which wee Contra]cted with them at were fifteen Dollars for [ten Pa]godas dearer then which (except perhaps that some small parcels might have been sold at fourteen and three quarters) silver has [not] been this year, and to receive of them Madrass Pagodas at three $\mathfrak{P}^{r}$ cent aley; It is true the Difference between our new Pagodas and the old Madrass is but one and a sixteenth, but had wee sold the silver to be paid in that specie it must have been at fifteen and a quarter at least, because there is more then two per Cent in the value between them and the adulterated Pagodas which go about the country. [^{m}Consulta^{n}. 21st. March, D^{o}. 31st. March].

32. When we made this Purchase of gold [we did] not expect a supply of thirty three thousand pago[das] which we afterward receiv'd from Bombay by the Compton, and wee judg'd the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam would want at least Twenty to Twenty five thousand Pagodas more then did and procur'd accordingly. But they afterwards desir'd that sum might be sent them in Rupees, by which means there not being occasion for so many Madrass pagodas as wee before calculated, we order'd the remainder of the Gold to be Coin'd into the new species for our own use, and receiv'd the remainder of the mony due for the silver sold likewise in that Coin which has occasioned some loss, however as there has been no Interest paid for mony, which without those supplies there must have been to a Considerable amount, This small loss is more then compensated thereby, as well as that occasioned by selling the large quantity of fanams that lay in our Cash Chest that were sold for the same

reason, and on which the loss is only imaginary there having been as great a gain made on them when they were first Coin'd [[n].Consulta[n]. 17[th]. Aprill [o]Consulta[n]. 28[th]. Feb[y].].

33. Wee put the Cargoe receiv'd by the Wyndham up at outcry, and sold it all except the Tutanague which wee bought up again, because wee had rec'd a price Curr[t]. from the President and Council of Bengal, wherein they put it down [at tw]enty Rupees per Maund, or Thirty eight an[d . . .] pagodas per Candy which was a [good deal more than what it] would fetch here, and wee ther[efore resolved to send it] thither but the ship not a [*a few words lost*] in Town for [*a few words lost*] it at [*a few words lost*] To advantage at least [at the usual] price with what it would fetch in the Bay, [but to our great] surprise only one lott sold at Thirty eig[ht . . .] therefore afterwards accepted of the Preside[nts offer . . .] hundred Candies at that rate, and sent the rest down [to B]engal where wee hear by private han[ds] it was sold for nineteen and a half Rupees per maund at six months trust [[p]. Consulta[n]. 13[th]. March [q]Letters recd N°. [*lacuna*] Consulta[n]. 11[th]. June[r] [s]Consulta[n]. 18[th]. June].

34. There was a Deficiency [of] one ounce in the weight of the Gold by the Wyndham, an[d t]hree tales four Mace, nine Candareens in that by the [Comp]ton, but the silver by the former ship weighed one penny weight more then Invoiced. The Supra Cargoes of her say the Difference must proceed from the scales and weights, The[se] of the Compton that the shroffs on the Malabar Coast using rough Touchs [tones] have probably occasioned some loss, and the rest [. . ca]us'd by the Difference of the weights; The acco[ts]. of the [coin]age of the several parcels of gold are all enter'd [in] the Consultation Books [[t]Consultation 21[st]. March, Consultation [. . .] May [w]Consult[n]. 31[st]. Mar[h] [x]Consulta[n]. 23 May [y]Consult[a]. 9[th]. [Septem[r].] Consult[n]. 30[th]. Aprill D°. 27[th]. May].

35. When the Dispatch of the Wyndham and the other ships for China, came to be debated, observing in the Prince Augustus's Invoice three thousand & five hundred hundred weight of lead, wee suppos'd your Honours desi[red] it as a part of her Cargoe to that Port, but as lead was worth more in Madrass then it could reasonably be supposed to sell for in China, wee could not take it at the price it bore here, nor could wee suppose your Honours would part with it to that ship at the English price; We therefore judg'd it would be agreable to your Intentions to put it on board your own ship Wyndham at the English price as part of the Cargoe wee were to lade on her, and proposed the doing it, but the Supra Cargoes objecting thereto a long Debate arose between us, in which several arguments for and against sending it by the Wyndham were urged; among others those gentlemen made use of one which induced us to Comply with them, Viz[t]. That must sell this lead in barter for goo[d lead] they should probably be obliged to take bad in [. . .] wee were unwilling to furnish them with [. . .] in case any part of their Cargoe proved [. . . .] my Censure from y[r]. Honours from such [. . .] lead, all but fifty Tonns which they [. . .] notwithstanding it was so much [. . .] dispose [. . .] Wee [. . .] put up one thousand Candies at outcry and [. . .] another parcell in February next [. . .] advance the last sale declared our [. . .] not to sell any more till then. ([z]Consult[n]. 8[th]. Apr[ll]. 10[th]. [Apr]ill Consulta[n]. 11[th]. June).

36. There have been some few errors in the Invoices receiv'd this Year from England, it is eighteen Bales of Auroras by the Prince Augustus, invoiced thirty [. . .] Cloths instead of fifty four, this was afterwards corrected [. . .] Later Invoice, The Lead by the Devonshire was cast [at] seventy five pounds five shillings & six pence short and by Lethieullier there were a parcell of scrapers invoic'd at eleven shillings each so cast up, which used to be no [mo]re then eleven pence. [[bb]Consulta[n]. 11[th]. June [cc]Consult[n]. 31[st]. July].

37. There has been only seven Bales of [Broad] Cloth damag'd this Year, which the Captains have [delivered the] Warehousekeeper, but as wee receiv'd very little [station]ary ware, wee have been oblig'd to order our storekeeper to purchase some for our use, and for the subordinate Factories. ([dd]Consult[n]. 6[th]. Aug[t]. [ee]Consult[n]. 10[th]. Aug[t].).

38. There having been a parcell of Druggets and Camblets in our Warehouse for several years that are in very little demand we have determin'd to prevent any damage which may happen by longer keeping, to sell them at outcry, and some Cordial waters that lye there also but are never asked for, wee shall also sell of all Articles in the storehouse Yearly which wee have reason to apprehend will decay or be Depreciated by keeping. (ffConsulta^{n}. 27th. Aug^{t}.).

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

39. We gave so full an Account last year of the several steps taken to encrease your investments on this Coast, and of the encouragements wee gave your Merchants, that we shall not have occasion to take up your Honours time [more than] we otherwise should; The Investments at [the two] Northern settlements go on very well, and [. . .] of upwards of Two Hundred Bales from [. . .] we have sent down to Vizagapatam [. . .] to Your Honours Thirty Thousand [. . .] And Four Thousand [Pagodas . . .] to [*lacuna*] Twenty thousand Pagodas, all [. . .] us shall be invested, our Cloth from Po[rto Novo] equally as good as that last year receiv'd from th[ence] and we have advanced this season to [*lacuna*] son for the Father Died the beginning of the year [*lacuna*] Thousand Pagodas: At Fort S^{t}. Davids the Merchants have made a Contract for one thousand Bales and have brought in already on that account upwards of ffourteen Thousand Pagodas's worth, [wee] have contracted here for fifteen hundred Bales, and hav[e advanced] Twenty two thousand Pagodas' for Cloth brought in on that account so that as we already mention'd under the head of Shipping we shall have goods enough for the Prince Augustus, and at least sixteen hundred Bales more to [send by] January, our present Contract is on the same [terms as] the last which was pretty well comply'd with by [Tomby Chitty] and we are in hopes he will exert him self [more this] year since wee have assur'd him he cannot expe[ct to be rele]iv'd in the article of Interest which he is to pay on th[e am]ount of this Debt for Broad Cloth, but by his zeal in promoting and increasing the Provision of Whited. The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David have Contracted on terms not much Differing from those of last year, that is to say the Blue Cloth at the same price, Salempores about five per Cent Cheaper, long Cloth ordinary twenty seven per Cent dearer, and for a new sortment call'd by them Sallem Cloth because it comes from that Province forty four and fforty three pagodas per Corge, There terms were proposed by the Merchants of that place themselves and they might undoubtedly have been oblig'd to stand by them but as unavoidable and unforeseen accidents since have greatly advanc'd the price of Cloth there, wee found ourselves under a necessity of receeding from the letter of the Contract and of promising them that wee would not let them be sufferers in the Price, provided only they would comply with the other parts of their Contract and keep up to the quantity and goodness. The French have nine ships for the Coast & Bay of which they now send home three, The Danes provide Cloth this year for three [ships] The Portugues's separate stock ship contracted for Thir[ty Thousand] Pagodas's worth in the Country about Fort S^{t}. [David w^{h}.] has considerably advanced the Price, & to add to [*this misfortune*] there is just arriv'd a Sweedish ship [upon the Coast] which will still encrease the difficulty [of investment notwithstanding which we cannot but please [ourselves w^{h}. the thought of being able to send home Some [Acc^{t}. of] Tho[usand Bales of Callicoes this year to yo^{r} Hon^{rs}. & hope that this our the above mention'd disappointments will shew yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. our utmost endeavours to obviate such Difficulties [as appear insurmou]ntable.

40. We have not put in practice the liberty you are pleas'd to give us of making a greater number of sortments then usual or taking in Cloth that is not the lengths or Breadths comonly sent home, neither have we bought of any species w^{ch}. we have not usually contracted for or enlarg'd the proportion of the fine sorts, because we observe the reasons y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. consent to this [are only] to advance the provision of the Coast Cloth, & as we have th[rough] great application brought the Investment into such unexpected good order without using these extraordinary methods, we judge it will be much more pleasing to you to find it go on in the

usual Course, especially since we have Bales sufficient for all the Tonnage, If hereafter we should find a necessity [to increase] it we shall make use of the liberty y°. are pleas'd to [grant us].

41. When we told your Hon^rs^. that the qua[ntity of Cotten] in a piece of Cloth paid the Value much more then [its work]manship, We should have added that the Cotten is b[o^t^. w^h^.] a great part of the shels & husks in it & that it Looses Considerably in Cleaning, That it is afterwards deliverd to the Spinner, who receive their wages in specie & Deliver back only one half to the proprietor, so that one piece of long Cloth allowing for the waste in Cleaning & the Charge in spining takes up near a maund of Cotten which at the price of Twenty eight Pagodas's ℔ Candy come to one Pagoda & seven fanams for the Cotten to which if we add the weaving & some other little Charges we shall soon reckon Twenty fanams or Thirty five Pagodas's ℔ Corge the prime Cost of Tomby Chitty's Cloth.

42. We have let the gentlemen at Vizagapatam & Ingeram know how acceptable their services have been to yo^r^. Hon^rs^. & the quantity of Cloth which we are [*lacuna*] them by this year will shew that this encouragement has it's due affects on them ([b]Letters sent N°. 29 & N°. 28).

43. We have recd & shall regulate ourselves as near a[s] possible by the list of Investment & hope our endeavours to Comply therewith will shew w^th^. what Zeal we pursue the Methods, w^ch^. appear to us most for [our interest].

44. [. . .] answer to the notice y°. are pleasd to take of his [. . .] Coffee for the Cadogan prime Cost, assures y^r^. Hon^rs^. [. . .] of his shall ever Interfere w^th^. y^r^. Interest, [. . .] occasion.

45. At [. . . out] Villages there are no Duties paid by the Inhabi[tants on betel] Tobacco &c^a^., but their places are not proper for [weavers for want of . .] groves of Trees & many other Conveniences, to w^ch^. [. . .] in all large & populous Towns & the parts adjacent to the [m] provisons of all kinds for the poor must be Considerably dearer then in the Villages in the Country, w^ch^. difference of the cost of provisions will at least equal the charge of Carriage & Juncan. That this [is] so appears from our getting so much Cloth from Worriapollam & Sallem the former of w^ch^. is Twenty days travell for an ox from hence, Besides that the Demand for Cloth for the Consumption of the people in populous Country's takes up the labour of a great [part of] the Inhabitants & all the Cloth that is made in those parts of [the Co]untry are a farr more uneven thread & thinner Texture occasion'd from the imediate vent the weaver finds for it however as the bringing the weavers into our bounds must be a work of time if it be practicable at all we shall not be u[n] mindfull of it.

46. The Cloth offerd by [the Arme]nian Merch^ts^. was what he had bought for the Manilla [trade] but on our forbidding Cloth of the sortments usually p[rocured for] y°. to be sent thither, it lay on his hand & we agreed [to buy it at] a Certain price, but it proves not of proper lengths & br[eadth]s was therefore refus'd, We shall always encourage anybody that is willing to provide Cloth for y°.

47. After the Dispatch of this ship the Presid^t^. will goe to Fort S^t^. David, & give all proper encouragement to weavers & other usefull people to Convene to the Bounds, & in Janua^y^. we shall send y°. an account of what measures have been taken for the improvem^t^. of the Place.

48. The Presid^t^. & C°. of Bengall wrote to us this year to provide Cotten to be sent down on y^r^. ship, on w^ch^. wee order'd our Warehousek^r^. to enquire if there was any in Town procurable, & wrote them back that we had so done, but for want of their informing us of the price we were at a Loss to know how to buy it, which they have been pleas'd to call making an excuse for not doing & to treat as a great injury to your Hon^rs^. since as they tell us Cotten would not sell under Sixteen Rupees, & we must know when sent on one of y^r^. own ships without paying Freight or Comission would sell for pr[ofit]. To this we need only answer that it was the 9^th^. Feb^y^. that their Letter arriv'd [at which time it was too late to bring it from Northward [ports as] y^r^. ships with Cargoes of sixty or sevinty Thousand pounds ar[e too precious] to be venturd at those wild ports the Cotten is [brought . . .] for the sake of

purchasing a small quant[ity] [and] that at a risque whether anything wou'd [. . .] it or not, There was therefore no way [. . .] the price was Twenty four Pagodos's [*a line lost*] Fourtee[n . . . M]auud for Cotten is sold by the great Maund and [. . . bales of] Cotten are only 12 & 13 rupee's, so that had we [bought it we would] have got nothing by it & besides there had been [no good price] for it since we had near two hundred Tonn of tut[enagu]e, as much red wood a quantity of Iron, fifty pipes of Madera & Several other things to send on y^r^. ship which was as much as they could take in, neither had we mony at that time to have bought any but it was all employ'd in the Investm^ts^. (Letter recd N°. 17 [h]Con^n^. 12 Feb^y^. [c]Letters sent N°. 20 [k]Letter recd N°. 68 [l]Consulta^n^. 30 Ap^ll^.)

49. We last Year Demanded Two Thousand [baggs] of Salt Petre from Bengal in case we should be able to disp[atch an] early ship, but the Presid^t^. & C°. there being disappointed of the expected quantity could send us only Tw[e]lve hundred baggs we were therefore oblig'd to pick up some in Town sufficient just for Lethieullier, and we had wrote in the most pressing terms [for two] Thousand baggs to be here the begining of December for [the Prince] Augustus, but as the Eyles is lost we have hers now [with us w^ch^.] with what we have since desired them to send by the [. . .] will be sufficient for that Ship & to supply ourselves [for the] season, We have further demanded Tw[o] Thousand [baggs on] such ship or ships as they shall send to take in the Ey[les] Cargoe. ([m]Consult^n^. 22^d^. May [n]Letters sent N°. 39 [o]Letter sent N°. 85).

50. [p]Capt^n^. Sheppeard has requested five hundred Baggs of Salt Petre over and above his Kantelage by Charter party w^ch^. we have granted him & his seperate bill of lading comes in the Packet ([p]Cons^n^. 13 Aug^t^.)

51. Under this head we are to acquaint y^r^. Hon^rs^. that we were necessitated to send another assistant to M^r^. Sanderson at Ingeram & to allow him the expence of feeding two horses, we have also allow'd him to entertain 6 Packers & 15 Peons at Constant pay, The Investment there being so much encreas'd as to make that additional number of Servants really necessary, We had six Hundred Bales from thence last Year, & are promis'd a greater quantity this so that we hope Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will beleive we have not allow'd any Charge that could be avoided, as to sending one of the Councill of Fort S^t^. David to him, there has been one Vacancy at that board for a Considerable time, & they have only Foxall & Fowke under Council there ([q]Consult^n^. 28^th^. Feb^y^.).

FOURTHLY TOUCHING [THE] TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL & THEREIN [ANY TRANSACTIONS] W^TH^. THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

52. The new Pagoda [will] we hope in a little time become Current in [all] the branches of Trade as well as the Negapatam since they are of the same weight & finess but it must be a work of Time, Our assay Master assures us, he is very exact & watchfull to prevent any foul Practices in the Mint.

53. We last year sent y^r^. Hon^rs^. Copies of orders given to the heads of the several weaving [Towns] hereabouts to Direct their People to work for our Merch^ts^. [only] w^ch^. we hope has been looked upon as a proof that our behaviour to the Gover[n]ment not only inoffensive but agrea[ble], And it is the greatest satisfaction we find y^r^. Hon^rs^. so favourable & at the same tim[e hold so] just an opinion of us that no Temptation will induce us [to involve] Y^r^. affairs with the Goverm^t^.

54. We also told y°. [that we] should send the usual Present to the Nabob & Duan [on their being] Confirm'd, we sent it up soon after the Walpole sail'd [all in Europe] manufacture to the amount of one Thousand Pagodas's w[^ch^. w]as recd w^th^. great satisfaction [[s]Cons^n^. 28 Feb^y^.].

55. We have no advice how the affairs of Bengal stand w^th^. The Goverm^t^. but suppose the Presid^t^. & C°. have given y^r^. Hon^rs^. particular acco^ts^. thereof in the Packet they sent us by the Tryton & w^ch^. we forward by this ship.

56. On the arrival of the Prince Augustus we immediately apply'd out Thoughts to sett that Voyage forward but the accidents that have for two years attended the China Market gave the Inhabitants an Ill opinion of it however we were determin'd if there was the least prospect of success to proceed, accordingly we made a Calculate of a Voyage w^th^. the stock y^o^. were pleas'd to appoint by w^ch^. there was a gain of 18 or 19 ℔ C^t^. supposing gold on w^ch^. the whole Depended, to be bought at one hundred & five but y^r^. ship Windham last season was obliged to bring back most of her silver, and that our silver w^ch^. was left behind the year before out of the Richmond to be laid out in gold was als[o] retur'd us, because gold was not procurable we judged it highly improbable that the Supracargoes should be able to provide one Thousand [shoes at] any price so as to Come away in Time to save her passag[e] [to England] & as every Tale addition to y^r^. Cost of the Gold if pro[curable is] almost one ℔ C^t^. loss to the Voyage & that shoul[d the ship] loose her Passage by staying for it if not procurabl[e a disadvant]age w^ch^. the Voyage would by no means bear [*a few words lost*] y^r^. Hon^rs^. And further for that the silver [*a few words lost*] & Compton & that paid The Sup[ra Cargoes for] Gold bought of them had lessen'd our supply so [that what is the] remainder would hardly be sufficient for this [season and for] her to go with the afforesaid stock of sixty Thou[sand Pagodas of] Consequence that the Devonshire must go to [Ben]gal without one ounce of silver w^ch^. would undoubtedly be of Vast Detri[ment] to y^r^. affairs there, For these reasons therefore we judg'd it of advantage to lessen the stock of the Prince Augustus, & to see if a Voyage might not be made, by that means, accordingly a new scheme was drawn up w^th^. only sixty Thousand Pagodas's stock by which the gain was bet[ween] 16 & 17 ℔ C^t^. & only 250 shoes or thereabouts wanted which be[ing] only 2/5 of the whole stock, 2½ Tales addition to the Cost of the Gold makes but 1 ℔ C^t^. in the Voyage, so that Supposing the Gold Cost 110. the profit is still upwards of 14 ℔ C^t^. and on this scheme the ship [is] gon & will we flatter our selves make a [gain eq]ual to the Calculate, Since the late bad market in China [has preve]nted any ship going thither from Bombay this year [and as Y^r^. Hon^rs^.] have no round about ship this season there is we [think a reas]onable prospect of success, We have given very possi[tive orders] to the Supra Cargoes to leave China the 10^th^. of Novemb^r^. [& we likewise] dare promise y^r^. Hon^rs^. she will have an early Dispatch home. ([b]Cons^n^. 11 May., Letters sent N^o^. 42, Consult^n^. 5^th^. May).

57. We have only to add the Acco^t^. that We appointed the Capt^n^. w^th^. M^r^. W^m^. Monson Supra Cargoe's, but the latter of them declining the Voyage, we have sent M^r^. Christop^r^. Craddock in his room. The Confidence y^r^. Hon^rs^. are pleas'd to place in us in this particular & the ordering such a Cargoe as we thought would best turn to Acco^t^. has embolden'd us to alter the propos'd Voyage, And as it has appear'd Infinitely more advantageous to y^o^. as the state of y^r^. affairs here stood, then to have pursued the first scheme, We hope w^ch^. we have done will meet y^r^. Hon^rs^. approbation as well as the freight agreed for the ship, since by the scheme it appears the Voyage would bear no more, & that it saves y^o^. all the Demorage.

58. We acknowledge our error in not sending the Walpole to Tranquebar & shall be more exact & cautious in the like Case in Future. There have arriv'd two ships upon our Coast this year, The first the separate stock ship from Lisbon The other a Sweeds ship, with M^r^. Barrington (lately one of y^r^. servants here) Supra Cargoe, The former only Contracted for Thirty Thousand Pagodas's worth of Cloth & [is gone] to Bengal, The other is just arriv'd & is endeavour[ing to] make a settlement at Porto Novo, We have on [our meeting with] these Vessels forbid our Inhabitants to have [any dealings] w^th^. them & our Presid^t^. has obtain'd an order from [the Renter of] S^t^. Thome to his Deputy to Embarrass the [business of the former] as much as [possible a Copy] of w^ch^. [was ordered to be sent in the] Packet.

And we promise our utmost [endeavours] to Impeed their Business, What acco^ts^. we may have to [give about the pro]ceedings of the Sweeds we must refer to the supple[ment the . . .] that ship being so lately arriv'd on this Coast ([f]Letters . . .] Received N^o^. & N^o^. [h]Cons^n^. 7 [M . . .]).

59. We have allways kept a Store of Rice & Paddy in the Town since our Famine, In the beginning of the Year we bought in a fresh supply, & when the Boats arrive shall buy in more being sensible of the necessity of so doing for the support of our Garrison & other servants in Case of Famine (cConsultn. 17th. & 30th. Aprll.).

60. In answer to what y[r. Honrs.] write of our sending Mr. Palmer to Pegue we begg leave to [state] that he came hither from Persia & as we hear Traveled from [Tur]key to those Parts, as he was very Capable of business & master of several languages particularly the Persian [and M]oors We pitched upon him to be Residt. at Pegue a post too inconsiderable to be [held] by any free Mercht. of figure, or fortune, but as he has not [proved him]se[l]f in that employ equal to what we expected we have [removed him].

61. We have taken [into conside]ration the measures proper for recovering the Patan Mer[chants] that & many other things proper to be examin'd into for the goo[d of] the Place will take up a Considerable time we must defer giveing a fuller answer to such part of yr. letter as relates to them till January (kConsn. 27th. Augt.).

62. The ships from all parts this Year thô they have not had so good sales as we could have wish'd have nevertheless retur'd safe from their several Voyages, Those to Bussera's, Persia excepted of wch. we have as yet no news, & we are apprehensive that the War between the Persians & Turks have detain'd them there, The Judda ship bringing a report that the former have Beseiged & taken Bussero, We have also been alarm'd wth. advices of a Dutch ship that Turn'd Pyrate in the begining of the Year and was met & attacked by two Dutch Ships in the mouth of the Persian Gulph from whence she made her escape but we have since heard she is destroy'd. On the other Angria is grown more powerful & formidable than Ever occasion'd by the Death of the Syddee wch. has given an Oppertunity to the [*lacuna*] Rajah's to enter & seize upon the Teritories of the Deceas'd Prince the seaports & Naval Armament wher[eof] he has deliver'd to Angria wch. makes us very apprehensive for those ships wch. shall on the Malabar Coast the season [*lacuna.*]

63. We have also recd advice from Tellicherry of the appreh[ensions they are] under of the Arms of the King of Canara & of the Method[s which the] Cheif & Factors there in Conjunction with the French to [ok to check his] further Progress; The French Gentlemen at Mah[e have shown] an Inclination to receed [from] their engage[ments & transmitted] accots. thereof to us, [so that] we might [write to the Governor & Council of Pondichery] to order them [strictly to] adhere [*a line lost*] Two settl[ements and to] secure them or their Trade.

[64.] We mention'd to yr. Hons. last Year a [demand made on Mr. Sand]erson by the Nabob of that Country on accot. of [a suit] between one Abdul Regaih & Shaek Ixerazulla wch. we [hav]e heard nothing more of this season & hope we shall not hereafter.

65. The only Article remaining under this Head to be reply'd to is the Letters we have recd from Yr. Honrs. this Year is the state of the Trade from one part of India to the other, & we must [begin] this subject by returning yr. Honrs. our most gratefull thanks for [the] Trouble yo. have given Yr.selves on this occasion in search-[ing in]to the Causes of our Complaints & endeavoring to apply remedies [to] them, wch. as we think them the best Calculated for that effect so [we] doubt not they [wi]ll put if not a Totall yet a Considerable stop [to the] Mischiefs we have so long felt, & it is not improbable but [friendly] union & wel Concerted schemes of Trade between the Presid[ent and us] again give us those advantages over our rivals ye. French [wh. were] of late Years lost to them. As we could foresee no Cause [why the gent]lemen in the other Presidencies should not Comply wth. [a cause] so equitable & so apparently Calculated for the general benefit, we thought proper to give notice at our sea gate of our resolutions to Act Conformable thereto that no person under Jurisdiction might engage in any Voyages wch. should prove Detrimental to the Comunity, or if they did should have Cause to Complain for being Restraind in such attempts, some Time after which we sumon'd all the Inhabitants & made such proposals for entering into Joint measures wth. the Presidenc[i]es of Bombay & Bengal

as seem'd to us the most equitable & proper, w^ch^. we have already Transmitted to the latter of those Places, & shall very shortly to the other, By these steps w^ch^. we have already taken Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will see it shall not be our fault if the scheme y^o^. have propos'd to us do not take effect. We beg leave to add our solemn assurances that the Confidence y^o^. have in so peculiar a manner been pleas'd to repose in us shall [n]ever be abused by our making use of the Power y^o^. have given us in a manner different from what We judge to have been y^r^. Intentions in doing it or Contrary to the true interest of y^e^. Settlem^t^. There happen'd uppon this occasion a Dissent at the Board from M^r^. Peers who took exception to the manner of expression used in the Paper affixed at the Gate as asserting, that y^r^. orders were possitive, w^ch^. he judged were on-[ly recom̃]endatory, as both the Paper itself & his object[ion were tran]smitted to y^o^. by this ship we shal not trouble y^r^. H[onour with a] particular reply thereto but leave them to y^r^. Obser[vation with] only this one Remark [that] at the latter end of his [Remonstrance to us] he is of opinion [that no] restraints at all [are necessary.] Cons^n^. & [Sep]tem^r^. [8^th^].

66. The Ca[uses Yo^r^. Honours] have [ass]ign'd for the decay of the Trade of India [seem to us only] just some of them unavoidably, such in particu[lar as the trade drove] by the French but this [bad] as it is was yet [. . .] the opposition w^ch^. we made to one another by sending ship [to t]he same parts on separate & sometimes Con[trary] Interests, We are in hopes these Methods we have propos'd to Bengal in Consequence to y^r^. orders wil prevent this Mischief for the future. The Errors in the Conduct of the Gentlemen at the Bay w^ch^. y^o^. are pleas'd to take notice of do not come under our Cognizance nor will become us to Censure our fellow servants, However thus much we [will]venture to say after y^r^. Hon^rs^. that the Faction & Division there [have] for many years detered us from entering into any engagemen[t w^th^.] them, Tis very Certain that the Moors & the Merch^ts^. of other [Nations] who penetrate into the Heart of the Country [buy] goods much cheaper then we can doe in the Bay & that when th[ey] have once [paid] the Customs in Bengal the[y] pay no more in any of the Moors [for twe]lve months yet this would not have prevented our Carrying [on trade] even in piece goods were it not that we have traded for [some years] past on soe precarious a footing.

67. We shall Thankfull[y make] use of the indulgence y^o^. are pleas'd to grant to our Manilla & other Trade of taking in such silk as shall appear not fit for the Europe Market w^ch^. when the Investment here was fallen to so low an Ebb we Carefully avoided least it should either in fact or in appear[ance] have been any hindrance to the advanceing it again.

68. As we are very sensible of the great expences y^o^. are at in maintaining Forts & Garrisons & that it [is] reasonable we who are Defended by them should pay a share of the expence, for w^ch^. End Y^r^. Customs here & at Surat & y^e^. Con-sul[age] at Bengal are Establish'd we shall [be] far from requesting any further Diminution of them then what y^o^. shall be induc'd at any time out of y^r^. own good-ness to indulge us w^th^.

69. As to the Consulage & brokerage paid at Surat, w^ch^. y^r^. Hon^rs^. are so good to tell us you have wrote about, we have not yet enterd into any negosiation w^th^. the Presidency thereupon but that as soon as Possible.

Fifthly Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs and Revenues.

[70]. When we ordered the Surveys of the Sea Gate & [Sea Gate Godowns] we apprehended there might heve been [occasions for con]siderable expence on them but as there was [*a few words lost*] then taking up part of the [*a few words lost*] master sett about it immediately Without [the Comi]tties delivering in a regular report w^ch^. we acknowledge to [be the proper] Method & w^ch^. we shall observe in future.

71. The Garden house at Fort S^t^. David is [finished] all but so[me of] the offices, in which such of the Materials of the old House as are not Decay'd or spoil'd are to be used and that Building is substantial & Cheap. When y^r^. President is at Fort S^t^. David a general survey of the Buildings there shall be made & all necessary repairs done out of hand.

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72. Our Powder House is intirely finished & [the] Magazine is Chunaming, the Acco^{t}. of the Cost of the latter wth. [the] Plan shall be sent in January when it is Compleated. We will use the Old[house] for making Powder, Having been busily empl[oyed] in finishing [the] Magazine.

73. the Ground sold to M^{rs}. Hart & Stratton [. . .] all w^{ch}. runs from the saluting Battery to S^{t}. Thomas's [Point] there were once some tyl'd warehouses for stores but they [are long] ago fallen down & better godowns provided for the stores. The [space] between the wall & the Houses next the Sea was for many years only a heap of Rubbish & Capt^{n}. Powney & M^{r}. Draper having houses on that side & wanting yard room were permitted to Purchase that part of the said wast ground as lay behind their Houses, & M^{rs}. Hart & Stratton have since bought the remainder at the prices usually paid for ground & wth. a Clause in their bills of sale in Case y^{e}. should have occasion for y^{e}. said ground to restore it.

74. We have nothing to add to our last Letter about Buildings but we have been oblig'd to repair the Banksall for grain after having upon a survey found it necessary to lay out about forty Pagodas's to be thereon, Thô the Mayer & Aldermen had Deliver'd in an Acco^{t}. amounting to Pagodas's six hundred forty four for that purpose & Demanded mony of us in order to sett about it. ([a]C^{o}. 31 July Cons^{n}. 10 Aug^{t}. Con^{n}. 28 Febru^{y}.).

75. The Seagate is now near Finished & the Expence of it paid by subscriptions of the Inhabitants all but what has been Collected out of the Town [*lacuna*] Duty, & as that is a Revenue w^{ch}. y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. have been pleas'd to grant us towards repairing & beautifying the Town, And as the Building at the Seagate is by farr the greatest ornament of Madrass [we hope] y^{e}. will not Think the Mony misapplied.

76. [. . . Cowles] have fallen this year th[e] settle'd revenues Continu[e [. . . .] at Fort S^{t}. David th[e] Arrack Farm is relett [*a few words lost*] Deal of Trouble the old Farmers [. . .] afferming they lost mony by it For the Variable reven[ue . . .] report sent you in July last will shew y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. [. . . recou]ver'd the loss of the preceeding Year, & when we send our Books [on the latter] shipping We shall add what further remarks are necessary [in] [This head, at present We shall only answer such [parts] of y^{r}. letter by the Prince Augustus. ([a]Letters recd N^{o}. [*lacuna*] N^{o}. [*lacuna*] & N^{o}. [*lacuna*] Consult^{n}. [*lacuna*] Letters sent N^{o}. [*lacuna*] & N^{o}. [*lacuna*]).

77. Your Hon^{rs}. may depend upon our being careful to receive the Customs on Coral as shall be most for your advantage the collecting them on the manifested Value we thin[k has] hitherto been so whenever we think it will be more beneficial to alter [that] Method it shall be done.

78. The Causes of the encrease [of trade of Pondi]cherry are the quantity's of Money they have of late years had [am]ong them, The making Pondicherry a Free Port of some Years [&] Settling only a Small Custom w^{ch}. has drawn many Merch^{ts}. [among th]em, The Trade of S^{t}. Thome & Jehor Bunder & a new Moors [port between] Conimeer & Sadrass, We shall be able to give a fuller ac[count in Jan^{ry}. to w^{ch}. we begg leave to refer. As to the refusal we ga[ve to the pro[posal for landing some Elephants at half Custom We a[ppear to] ourselves bound up, but since y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. have bee[n] now Pleas'd to [provide us] wth. Discretional power to Act as we see most for Y^{r}. Interest We shall whenever the Causes for deviating from y^{r}. Standing rules appear substantiall venture so to do.

79. Those Paragraphs in the Letter ℔ the Decker & Britania w^{ch}. relate to the revenues, and also those that concern the expences on the Coast will be more fully & more properly answer'd in January when We send our Books & when We have Come to [such] resolutions upon the several particulars mentioned in our Consultation of the 27th. Aug^{t}. To w^{ch}. we begg leave to refer.

80. The notes w^{ch}. were Deliver'd over by M^{r}. Fowk[es] to M^{r}. Hubbard, were not promisary notes for paym^{t}. on acc^{t}. of w^{t}. Customs Continued uncollected & from whom due they were paid in a short Time after M^{r}. Fowk's going away & his acco^{t}. releas'd.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & THEIR ACCO[TS].

81. M[r]. Benyon arrivd here the 28[th]. June on t[he] Decker, w[th]. him Came M[r]. W[m]. Colebrook, & the other Gentlem[n]. Y[r]. Hon[rs]. permitted to Come out, On his arrival, Y[r]. Presid[t]. & he agreable to the Powers y[o]. had given them, upon M[r]. Fowke's desire to return to Madrass & M[r]. Declinin[g . . .] appointed M[r]. Hubbard the next in station to the [*sic*] Dep[uty Governor] of Fort S[t]. David, & M[r]. Benyon undertook the care of the Exp[ort Warehouse] The other alterations made hereby were [those] appoint[ed to] the Seagate M[r]. Burton to be [Land] Custom[er] in th[e . . .] & Accompt[t]. & in the room of [M[r]. . . .] place again at the Boa[rd] agreable [*a few words lost*] Yo [. . .] import Warehouskeep[r]. & M[r]. Morse recd the Ch[arge . . .] from M[r]. Burton, the Acco[t]. remains in the [. . . Books were] duly sign'd ([a]Cons[n]. 5[th]. July, Con. 16 July, 27[th]. Aug[t]. 26[th]. Sep[r].)

82. We have already mentioned the Death of M[r]. [Hyde] besides hi[m we] have this year lost M[rs]. Nicho[s]. Campbell & Wood Smart here & M[r]. Charles Burton at Fort S[t]. David, in the Place of M[r]. Smart M[r]. W[m]. Johnson is made writer at the Sea gate ([c]Cons[n]. 29[th]. June).

83. These several Deaths have reduc'd our number of Serv[ts]. very low there being now under the Councill only one & twenty Persons here, M[r]. Colebrook just arriv'd from England, M[r]. [Y]eates from Bencoolen, & M[r]. Jam[s]. Say whom Hon[rs]. permitted [us] to entertain.

84. Among the Military ther[e] have happen'd [the] following alterations, the first Ensign Williams & Amyand [to Ben]coolen, not asteeming the Person to whom they had given [commiss]ion proper for it, in their Place we made Serjeant Ja[s]. Price [℔ Edward] Lewis Ensigns w[th]. Ensign Peale whom We sent to Fort S[t]. David [. . .] Holland & Home have Called up from thence.

85. Of the last recruits we recd this Year We have sent Down to Fort S[t]. David near Eighty men being so many wanting to Compleat their Roles, the remainder after having Discharg'd fourteen among them Charles Llyod, & Buryed several more are but just anough to make up our Stated number as will appear by our Muster Roles.

86. As by the nearest Computation every Military man y[o]. send out stands You in near Twenty Pounds sterling, We apprehended & still doe that the engaging men who had served their time out & were therefore Season'd to the Country by so small a gratuity as five Pagodas's to Contract afresh for as long time as they at first obliged them selves to serve to be a piece of good Husbandry & of Service to your Hon[rs]. since as they are under Covenants for no more then five Year, We cannot detain them longer against their inclinations, The smalness of the sume which engages them seems to argue that t'is not on Acco[t]. of hardships, but out of an inclination for Change that the[y] desire to leave us.

83 [*sic*]. Your Presid[t]. acknoledges the too great Confidence he reposed in the late Secretary M[r]. Walsh & the rest of us our Error in not seeing the Cash Monthly examin'd & We shall strictly Observe [the rules you] have laid down relating [to it.]

87 [*sic*]. [. . .] Paragraph of our letter by the Princess of Wal[es . . .] Late Presid[t]. Had paid into Your Cash the Am[ount which he] had [recevd on acco[t]. the] Pagoda ℔ Bale, & that on the Cas[h . . .] following that sum what plac'd to the Credit of Acco[t]. [Current . . .] we did not apprehend a Necessity of repeating it in our Letter by the [Cado]gan.

89. We have again wrote to Vizagapatam about the Estate of Jos[h]. Goldfinch & in Jan[y]. Your Hon[rs]. may Depend upon a full Acco[t]. of it if he left anything behind him ([h]Letters sent N°. 71.)

90. When the Covena[n]ts came out we shall take care the orders relating to them be Comply'd with.

91. From the small number of servᵗˢ. we have here & at the subordinate settlemᵗˢ. Your Honʳˢ. [can] easily judge they are kept pretty close to Business, And when we assure yᵒ. the Persons we advance are such as have deserv'd it, We need add no more to show that we give them all pro[per] encouragemᵗ. to make themselves Masters of Yoʳ. Busine[ss. The En]crease of Luxury is not risen here to that height w[e find it] at Bengal As we have reason to Complain of Yʳ. Ser[vants there doing] Your Business. We have not yet determin'd a thing about reastablishing the General Table, as not seeing any amediate Necessity for so doing if hereafter We should find it otherwise, We shall be Carefull to [Fix it] on as Frugal a fotting as Possible.

92. Messʳˢ. Morse & Torriano have desir'd [us to] return their Humble thanks to Your Honʳˢ. for the Gratui[ty] order'd them, wᶜʰ. will be an incitement to them in Future to Merit further Favours by their application & Diligence.

93. Mʳ. Goddard is a very usefull assistant to the Chief & Cᵒ. of Vizagapatam, & has serv'd Yᵒ. several Years th[ere] & at Bencoolen, & We recomend it to Yoʳ. Honʳˢ. to take him, [in]to yʳ. Service, as being well qualifyed for it, he Came out a Free Mercᵗ. on the Duke of Cambridge wᵗʰ. yʳ. leave in the year 1720.

94. We shall Observe your Orders relating to suspencions, & never proceed thereto but in the Cases directed us of Infidelity or notorious breache's of Trust.

95. Mʳ. Peers & Mʳ. Foxley are reinstated & restor'd the Former to his Post in Comittee, The other to his employmᵗ. at the Sea gate, & return their thanks for Yoʳ. Favour to them promising to behave [in such] manner as they hope will be agreable to Yʳ. Honʳˢ. Mʳ. Mansell [. . .] himselfe in the Service shall not want proper encou[ragement].

[9]6. We have sent Mʳ. Monroe [down] surgeon of [Fort Sᵗ. David in the room] of Mʳ. Gray he shall succeed here th[e . . .].

97. [If The . . .] apply to us for leave to Build we shall indulge [*a few words lost*].

98. In Consequence of yʳ. Permission finding Mʳ. Jamˢ. Say Duely [Qua]lify'd for Yoʳ. service We have intertain'd him, several of the papers in the Packet & this letter wᶜʰ. is of his writing will Shew your Honʳˢ. that he is a very useful Assistant in Our Secretary's Office Where t'ill he was entertain'd there had been for some Months only two Persons wᶜʰ. our Secretary hopes will plead his excuse if there should [have] been any faults Comitted [in] his Business.

99. We have had no allowance for entertaining any other b[ut] Mʳ. Say, We could not Venture to admit Mʳ. Edwᵈ. Benyon who requests the like Favour & to Qualifye himself the Better now writes uuder the Secretary, his Birth is th[is place] & the expectation we have that he will follow his Fathers [example] in doing yᵒ. Faithfull services encourages us to recomend [him to] Yʳ. Favour.

100. Among the recruits last Year came one Thoˢ. Bliss, who had Formerly been sent home for his Mutinous behaviour, he proves much Worse since his Coming hither this Time, wherefore return him on this Ship & begg Yoʳ. Honʳˢ. *will never* entertain him again for he is perfec[t]ly Incorigible.

Seventhly Touching Accounts.

101. We wrote Yoʳ. Honʳˢ. last Year that we had recd Centoos proportion of salvage & had carre'd the Accoᵗ. to the Credit of Bengal Presidency being Pagodas's 1,014. 3. 45.

102. As We wanted Mony last Year We recd whatever was Offer'd on Accᵗ. of Deceas'd persons estates, the reason of our not doing it before was because we had Cash anough & therefore was unwilling to put you to the expence of Interest where there was not a necessity for it, but as You were pleas'd to allow it for the future We shall use liberty, There has not yet been anough recover'd of Captⁿ. Crossing's estate to pay his Debts.

103. The Estate of George Ramsay & Alexʳ. Smith shall be wrote off to Accoᵗ. Currᵗ. London, that of Lieutᵗ. Harristen was last year remitted [by] Bill.

104. We [have] Drawn the following Billes on Yᵒʳ. Honʳˢ. in Consequence of [. . .] for Retur[ns] of Coral & the Estates of Deceas'd Persons [payable at] two Months [sight] & Eight shillings ℔ Pago[da . . .] [. . .] Thir [. . .]

	£.	S.	D.			
1. 2ᵈ. 3ᵈ. Payable to Robᵗ. & Jane Norman on Accᵗ. the Estate of Thoˢ. Norman dated 25ᵗʰ. Augᵗ. Value of Nathˡˡ. Turner—£ 4,400—11,000. Pa.						
1. 2. 3. To Joⁿ. Drumond Esqʳ. dated 25ᵗʰ. Septʳ. value of Wᵐ. Johnson Accoᵗ. the Estate of Geoᵍᵉ. Treipland.						
1. 2. 3. To Messʳˢ. Abᵐ. & Jacob Franco & Mʳˢ. Elenor Cooke or Order	637	13	2¾	1594	5	49
1. 2. 3. To Messʳˢ. Abramᵐ. & Jacob Franco or order ...	116	15	2¼	291	32	32
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	86	6	¾	215	27	28
1. 2. 3. To Jacob De Moses Franco or Order	275	9	9½	688	26	10
1. 2 3. To Judah Supino and Son or Order	237	2	7	592	29	52
1. 2. 3. To Abrᵐ. and Jacob Franco or order	806	19	1¾	2017	14	20
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	431	7	5¼	1078	15	42
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino and Son or order	176	15	6	441	33	64
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	2[0]7	18	7	519	29	56
1. 2. 3. To David Gomez Serta or order	193	1	3	482	23	58
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino and Son or Order	216	12	5¼	541	19	79
1. 2. 3. To Joseph and David Franco or Order	517	15	11¾	1,294	17	79
1. 2. 3. To Moses Espinoza & Jacob Abenafor Pementell or Order	223	3	4½	55	[. . ,]	
1. 2. 3. To Abrᵐ. & Jacob Franco or Order	404	3	7¾	[. . .]		
1. 2. 3. To Do. ...	1110	3	10¾	[. . .]		
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino or Son or Order	349	19	¼	874	31	48
1. 2. 3. To. Dᵒ.	95	5	½	238	4	58
Seventeen Setts all dated 25ᵗʰ. Augᵗ. 1733 for Value recd. of Mʳ. Natˡ. Turner in return for Coral Vizᵗ.						
1. 2. 3. To Isaac Salvadore or Order	430	11	3½	1076	14	70
1. 2. 3. To Jaˢ. Porten Esqʳ. or Order	1102	11	10	2756	17	24
1. 2. 3. To Jacob Dias or Order	459	8	4	1148	19	44
1. 2. 3. To Jacob Mendes Da Costa or Order	289	6	1½	723	9	52
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	569	19	2½	1424	32	38

1. 2. 3. To Isaac Salvadore or Order	1946	4	¾	4865	18	25
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	251	10	6¼	628	29	30
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	164	13	4¾	411	24	25
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	401	7	5¼	1003	15	41
1. 2. 3. To Abr[m]. and Jacob Franco or order	533	4	6¾	1333	2	45
1. 2. 3. To Jacob Dias or Order	516	4	11½	1290	22	28
1. 2. 3. To Isaac Salvadore or Order	655	1	11	1637	26	51
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	502	14	8¼	1256	30	10
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	517	10	4¾	1293	28	64
1. 2. 3. To Moses Henriques Julian Jun[r]. or Order	1295	13	1¼	3239	4	78
1. 2. 3. To. D°. ...	515	4	1½	1288	—	46
1. 2. 3. To Abr[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order	1251	7	½	3128	13	61
Seventeen sets all Dated 5[th]. Sept[r]. 1733 for all value recd of the Hon[ble]. George Morton Pitt Esq[r]. in return for Coral...						
£	17,489	5	2	43,723	6	74
1. 2. 3. Dated 25[th]. Aug[t]. to Rob[t]. and [Jane Norman] or Order, value of Nath[ll]. Turner Acc[t]. the Estate of Tho[s]. Norman ...	4,400	—	—	11,000	—	—
£	21,889	5	2	@ 8 Shill[gs].		[54723 6 74]
1. 2. 3. Dated the 23[d]. S[ept[r]. payable to An] thony Da Costa or Orde[r]	1120	11	—	2801	13	40
1. 2. 3. D°.	1761	—	3½	4402	19	33
1. 2. 3. D°. J[ac]ob Dias or order	504	—	1½	1260	—	47

Value of M[r]. Geo[ge]. To[rrian]o in Return for Coral.

1. 2. 3. Dated 25[th]. Sep[r]. payable to Jo[n]. Drumond Esq[r]. or Order Value of W[m]. Johnson Acco[t]. the Estate of George Treipland	123	15	4¼	309	15	10
	3509	6	9¼	@ 8 Shill[s].		8773 12 50
				Pagodas's		63496 19 80

SUPPLEMENT.

105. In the fo[rmer part of our] letter we refer'd Yo[r]. Hon[rs]. to this head for a further Acco[t]. of the Swed[ish] ship, & our proceeding in Order to obstruct their business, Our Presid[t]. has been for some Tim[e] using his Interest w[th]. the Country Goverm[t]. to this affect but as they are as yet come to no Conclusion therein we can only say as Yet that our utmost endeavours shall be used to prevent their Success in this Pernicious undertaking.

106. Notwithstanding all the encouragement we last year wrote Yo[r]. Hon[rs]. We offer'd Suncaramah to engage him to Compleat his Contract, he has Continued Obstinate & has not brought in one Bale, We have therefore order'd our Secretary to Demand the amount of the Penalty of him.

107. We have given Mr. Parks one Years Salary, as a gratuity for his extraordinary Diligence when in the Secretary's office.

108. Five Persons have [deserted] from the Sweeds ship whom we have entertaind & at their [request] have put into the Gun Room, in hopes this encouragemt. [may induce] more of her People to leave her.

109. Yesterday arriv'd the Mary from Maddepollam wth. Bales.

110. The Register of Precious stones in the [. . .] ship amounts to 3,308. 24. The Captns. Register of goods t[o be sent] St. Helena Invoice is the same as that Design'd thither by [ship] Eyles, & the amount of the Cargoe for Europe wch. we wish safe to Yor. Honrs. is 122441. 22. 64. We are

Honble.

Fort St. George — Yor. Faithfull Humble. Servts.

1st. Octr. 1733. — George Morton Pitt, &cA.

Letter to Captain Jon. Sheppeard, dated October 1, 1733 [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, pp. 27–28.*]

To Captn. Jon. Sheppeard
Comander of the Ship Lethieullier.

Sr.

Having put on board Yor. ship all the Cargoe We Design to send by her to our Honble. Masters, We now Direct yo. immediately to repair on board & wth. the first Oppertunity of Wind and Weather set sail & make [the] best of yor. Way for the Port of London, & whatever part of great [Brita]in yo. shall first arrive at, We order yo. to send away Yor. [Purser] wth. the two Packets now Deliverd you, Directed to the [Honble. Court of Directors] for affairs of the Honble. United Compy. [of Merchants of England] Trading to the East Indies [to] whom Yr. Ship [goes consign'd] You must observe to write to them at the sam[e time yourself] an Accot. of whatever shall have happened to [you of consequence during] yor. Voyage.

We cannot too strictly recomend to you the avoiding any Ship at Sea, & particularly when you come near the Channel for fear of War, but if During your Passage yo. shall fall in wth. any of our Honble. Masters ships, We Possitively enjoyn yo. to keep Company wth. we do in obedience to an Order from the Honble. Court of Directors to this affect, & we are to Tell yo. they have declar'd that the Person who shall not observe this order (unless where unavoidably forc'd to break through it) shall be uncapable of their service.

They have also order'd Us to forbid any of their homeward bound Ships to go into the Cape, so that yo. must proceed Directly to S. Helena, & on yor. arrival their Deliver our [packet] & the Stores, yo. have on board for the Use of the Island [to the Govern.] & Co. there, but remember in going in to Anchor befor[e you come] open wth. Chappel Valley near Mundens point, & send yor. Boat ashore to let the Govr. know who yo. are, he having orders to Fire at all ships that do not observe so to do.

We wish yo. a good Passage & Date this in Fort St. George this 1st. Octr. 1733.

Letter to the Woksplr. Isaac Pyke Esqr. at Sr. Helena, Dated October 1, 1733. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, p. 28*].

To the Worsplr. Isaac Pyke Esqr.
Govr. &cA. Co. at Sr. Helena.

Worsplr. Sr. & Sus.

We have recd Yors. by the Harrington wth. the List of shipping for wch. We thank you.

Inclos'd y°. will find Bill of lading for Stores on this Ship, they were Design'd you by the Eyles from Bengal, but she being Cast away, we now forward them by the Letheiullier, We have sent y°. the Bengal Invoice of them & have noted at the foot what the several sorts have wasted During their being on board the Eyles & in Our Godowns, We are

WORSP^LL^. [S]^R^. & S^RS^.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE — Your Very Humb^le^. Serv^ts^.

1^ST^. OCT^R^. 1733. — [GEOR]GE MORTON PITT &C^A^.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^T^. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, DATED [?]. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, pp. 29-62.*]

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIREC[TORS] FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCH^TS^. OF ENGLAND TRADING [TO THE] EAST INDIES.

HON^BLE^. [S^RS^.]

In our's of the 1^st^. October last by the Lethieulier of which your Honours will receive a Copy on each of these ships, we gave you an Account of our proceedings, from the dispatch of the Walpole, and answer'd such parts of the Letters we had receiv'd from you this Year, as we were then able. The purport of this present Address will be to reply to the remainder of those Letters, and to continue our accounts of what we have since done, in Obedience to your Orders for the encrease [of y]our Investm^t^. and the General good of your settlements.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

By the Letheullier we advised your Hono[urs] upon what Grounds we had ventured to alter the [Scheme] you had laid down for a China Voyage in the Prin[ce] Augustus, and had sent a Cargo of only sixty thousand Pagodas, instead of sixty 60 thousand Pounds. We flatter ourselves the bare view of the [many] schemes drawn up at that time with the debate th[ereon] will convince Your Hon^rs^. we acted with a view to your Interest in so doing, and the success has made it very Evident we calculated right, since of the sixty thousand Pag^s^. 60,000 Pag^s^. sent on her she has brought back upwards of twenty thousand uninvested because of the excessive Price of Gold which held up all the season at One hundred and twenty Tale. This and many [more] disappointments that she has met with, as the excessive high Price of Tutana[gue,] and the low [rate at w^h^. he was] Oblig'd to sell his Tinn [we] have reduc[ed] [the Voyage] much lower than it was reasonable [to expect] notwithstanding which she has made if the Weight holds out, about 9 ℔ Cent valueing the Tutanague at thirty Eight Pagodas agreeable to the Price Currant rec^d^. from the President, and Council of Bengall by the Brittania to whom we shall send Y^r^. Proportion on the 1^st^. Conveyances that Offer, which with the return'd silver that we have also taken on Your Account will prevent a further increase of the Cash that in spight of all we can do swels considerably. The rest of the Cargoe was sold at Outcry, and produced rather more than the rates they were Estimated at in the sceme of the Voyage.

a Consultation 14 June Letter rec^d^. N°. 130.

Letter rec^d^. N°. 117.

The three Bombay ships we have been advis'd from thence all arriv'd in August. The Mary has been in Bengall, and she & the Royal Guardian sail'd from thence in November for Bombay. We wish they may reach that Port in time to answer Y^r^. Intention of sending the latter of 'em to the Bay.

By the Acco^t^. Curr^t^. of your Ship George Your Hon^rs^. will observe the cost of her is encreas'd two thousand six Hundred Pagodas occasiond by the Severe Storm, and other accidents she met with in the return from Fort Marlbro, that we advised of by the Letheulier. This and the length of the Passages both to, and from Bencoolen, that Voyage w^ch^. took up almost Ten months prevented her Earning any thing

that Year tho' her Expence, & Charges were still running on, She has since her return from Bencoolen been at Bengall and is now going again to the West Coast. We hope in the next Account we send Yr. Honours you'l find she has rather gain'd than [lost] must beg You'l be assured we neither suffer [her to be] idle nor put you to any Expence on her th[at may be avoided]. We had hopes to have seen the Madrass Galley from Benocolen before the depart[ur]e of the George but as thi[s] is the best season to send her away, we shall not wait for the Arrival of the other.

Secondly Goods from Europe.

We have nothing to add to our last under this Head except that We have recd. of the merchants in further part of their Bond for the Broad Cloth fourty four thousand Pagods. and are in hopes of more tho' we cannot promise ourselves the full amount of their Debt in the season. We wrote Yr. Honrs. by the Lethieulier they would not make a new Indent this Year for Cloth, and as we believe what we then said will be sufficient to show you, how very heavy that Article lies on yr. Merchants, and to engage you to forbear sending any for one Season, more we [should] not further enforce it. Consultation 13 Octor. 14 Novr.

We also then wrote you we wou'd sell the [Druggets] and Camblets remaining in our warehouse but have hitherto deferrd doing it, because the 3 months' last past are the [dullest] in the Year, and we therefore [judge] it woud be more advantageous to keep 'em a little long[er].

We shall agreeable to what we wrote you also by that ship put up another parcel of Lead to sale next month.

Thirdly touching Investment.

It is always a very great concern to us when we are Obligd to represent to your Honrs. the difficultys we meet with in carrying on our Investment. We beg your Honrs. to be perswaded there is nothing we have had so much at Heart, or has taken up more of our thoughts, and attention than this [gr]eat and Principal Branch of Yr. Business. The Regulations we have order'd at Fort St. David (of wch. we shall [give you] an Acct. in the Sequel) and others of the [same kind] which we propose here tho' not with the like [hopes of] success, have tended all to the same View, namely the [e]ncreasing of the Callico manufacture and Yr. Honrs. will be very easily convinced of the justice and necessity of those measures when you shall be Inform'd of the different Circumstances this Part of Yr. Business is in to what it was some years ago. Consultn 7th. Janr.

The scarcity and dearness of Grain, & Cotton has frequently been complain'd of as the cause of the Difficultys we meet with; but we shou'd not so often have urg'd it, did we not so often, and so sensibly feel the Effects of it.

Yr. Honrs. will admit it as an incontestable Truth, that in any Country where the Ground rents are rais'd to any considerable Degree, the Cost of the manufactures of that Country will encrease in proportion; for the Produce of such Ground of which the manufacture is made will stand the Tenant in so much more; not only by the encreas'd Rent he pays, but also in the price of Labour, in dressing the Ground which also must encrease by so much as the other Products of the Ground, by which the Labourer is supported costs the Farmer And that Encrease in the price of Provisions, must and does also Affect in a further Degree the cost of the Manufacture when it comes to be work'd.

Yr. Honrs. will excuse us that we take up so much of Yr. time in giving you a full state of this Matter, but we hold it better to give you this trouble once for all, that when hereafter we find Occasion to write you of the Scarcity and Dearness of Grain and Cotton, Yr. Honrs. will at once be able to Judge of the Consequences & the Effect it must and will always have upon Your Investment, and how little it is in our Power to prevent [them].

And first [as to the scarcity] and Dearness of Grain for which several Rea[sons may] be given. Before this Country was conquer'd [by the] Mogulls, it was Divided into several Circles under the Government of Particular Rajahs which descended from Father to Son. Their Revenues for the most Part, arose from the Produce of the Land, and they therefore were always carefull to keep up the Banks of the Tanks, or Reservoirs of Water, and to cleanse 'em of the mud, of which they were at the Expence themselves, knowing that the Land wou'd produce more or less according as they had a Quantity of Water. But the Mogulls who have now the Government of the Country, and are continued in those Governments only during Pleasure, do not think themselves under the same obligation to be at that Expence for their successors; By w^ch^. means in Process of Time the Tanks are almost Choack'd up; and great part of the Lands lye uncultivated for want of water. This alone wou'd Occasion Grain to be scarce and of Cou[rse] Dear, To which, if we add the Rapacious Disposition [of] the Mogulls, altogether intent upon making the [most] of their Governments while they continue in 'em, We need not seek far for the Reason, why even wi[thin] these 10 years the Lands which are Tenanted are let [for] more than double for what they were before. Your Hon^rs^. will easily conceive what effect it must have upon the Produce of such Lands, and we need not say much more to demonstrate it to you, Certain it is that Paddy at 25 Pagodas the Garce, is in these times thought cheap, whereas 20 Years ago, at that Price, it was reckon'd a Famine. The scarcity at Present is so great that it sells for 40 Pagodas a Garce, and our Novem^r^. Rains failing us this Year gives a melancholy Prospect of the next Harvest. We did in April Order the Purchase of 200 Garce, of which in May, and June last [we bought] in 115 Garce for the Use of the Garrison more we [did] not think fit to Engage in, for it must have been a great quantity to have Supply'd the whole Place as we do not reckon the number of our Inhabitants to be less than One Hundred thousand, And to them must be added a great number of People who Inhabit the Villages in the Country, that come every Morning from thence with Butter, Greens, Wood and many other necessarys. Your Hon^rs^. will consider whether it be fit for us to undertake so large a Provission, especially as we cannot propose to do it near so cheap, as the natives, neither could such Provission have been of any Effect for the service of Y^r^. Investment, which is made in so many very Distant Provinces; However when it shall please God that Grain falls to a Tolerable Price we shall lay in four, or five Hundred Garce more than sufficient for the Garrison; to fling into the Market upon Occasion, when we Observe the Grain Merchants Endeavouring to make an unreasonable advantage of the Publick Calamity.

Cotton of any Sort was not the growth of this part of the Country till within these few Years, and is chiefly produced now about two hundred and thirty Miles North West of us; The Inhabitants of Nyenda Pettah, a Town about a hundred Miles from us are under Contracts for the Produce, and from thence it is ship'd off at three several sea Ports which lye between the shoals of Armagon, and Carera, the [M]ost of it for the Bay, being a sort of Cotton which none of our Weavers till very lately wou'd make any use of, But neces[sity] the mother of Invention has of late Years bro^t^. i[t] into some Repute and Possibly a few years when the Country produces it in greater quantity will [be more] so, Especially if the Scarcity of the other sort [and] the Thread which is spun out of it continues. [We wrote] Y^r^. Hon^rs^. by the Lethieulier that the [greatest] part of our Cloth Particularly the thick, and substantial sort which is most acceptable to you, is made some at the Distance of Twenty and some Thirty Days Journey South West from hence, nearer to the Inland Provinces where the Cotton usually grew, and whence they were Supply'd with their Cotton Yarn as well as this Part of the Country of which the Quantity brought to the Fair at Laulapetta a Town about sixty Miles distant from hence, was usually from one Hundred, and twenty to One Hundred and fifty thousand Pagodas ℔ ann. And from thence, it was distributed to all the Weaving Towns in the hither Provinces. Of late Years and particularly these 3 Years past those Inland Provinces have been miserably Ravag'd by the Moratta's The same Roving and Lawless People who are called [Genimbs] at Surat, and more or less Infest all the Provinces of the [Hin]dost an Country. The Cotton Plantations have therefore [been] neglected

and of Course the Quantity of Cotton Yarn at the [Fair] at Laulapetta, has been trifleing and inconsiderable. [Yr.] Honrs. being satisfy'd of the truth of the Fact, will be con[vinced] how much the Calico manufacture must be affected by [it] as great part of the produce of the Cotton Yarn sold at Laulapettah used to be brought down hither, and Invested in Goods for the consumption of the Inland Provinces. Your Revenues also suffer by it.

But notwithstanding these difficultys we might yet have been able to carry on Your Investment with more Ease had we the same Open Field as formerly when we were the only Buyers in the Country, and had the refusal of all the Cloth made [in] it. We have already told you the Distance of those Places where it's made and where Yr. Honrs. cannot but believe the [Gomastas] of all other European Nations have as [bad an access] as ours, and the best bidder for the Cloth will [have it] in spight of all Contracts to the Contrary. Under these Circumstances the assistance we have had from our Northern settlements has been very Comfortable, but even their Investment is attended with difficultys, which however must be submit'd to at Present as unavoidable. It is rare that we can get any of their Cloth in time for an October ship; The greatest Part must come at this Season of the Year, and will always occasion a late Dispatch of our ships, because great part of it comes up Brown and must be wash'd here at a Time when our Merchants bring in most part of their Cloth, And 'tis impractable [*sic*] for us to keep a greater Number of Washers, and Beaters, because at the other seasons of Year we have so little work for 'em, that they must starve. The Freight and Charges of the settlements is an addition to the Cost, and sometimes (as it happen'd this Year from Maddapollam) The Cloth will be damaged in the Passage.

Upon a full and due reflection on this state of Yr. Investment, we were very glad of Yr. Directions by the Decker to [ease] Fort St. David of such Dutys as might Obstruct the manufactureing of Calico's there, and to take off all such Dutys from our Villages here. We wrote Yr. Honrs. by the Lethieulier that after her Dispatch the President wou'd go down to Fort St. David, and wou'd then see what cou'd be down [*sic*] to bring about the End propos'd, for which Purpose whilst he was there, he Order'd the Merchants to give him their Sentiments what Methods woud be most Effectual which they did in a Petition deliver'd to him there, But of this more at large by and By.

As to our Villages here they never have been subject to any Dutys, and particularly that on Beetle & Tobacco, Except Triplicane, Trivitore, and [Tondore]. The rest however have only a few Cottages inhabited cheifly by the Farmers and under Tennants who [till ye. Ground] The most of 'em are unfit for the [Weavers for] want of Proper Plantations for the Trees, but that de[fec]t may be supply'd in ti[me]. For the rest no incouragement shall be wanting on our part, but we dare not be possitive in assuring you of success as there may be many difficultys which we cannot foresee till we find 'em, Those which we Apprehend at present are Chiefly the Want of a proper sortment of Cotton, and a reluctance in all these Country People, to remove far from the place of their Birth, except they are drove to it by meer necessity. It will doubtless be a Work of time but we are so convinced of the use it will be to Your Investment, that we think no means should be left unattempted, If it be possible to Effect it. 6 Feb. Parrs. 3d.

We come now to speak more particularly to the List of Investment Yr. Honrs. were pleas'd to send us [this] Year, and how far we have been able to Comply there [with]. The first Article is "Beteelas of N°. 26 & 29 of each O[ne . . .] if very good or else none." Imediately upon Receipt of [Your] Orders we gave directions to our Merchants to get them Ready, but observing in October they had not then brought any to the Warehouse we call'd upon them for their Reas[ons] they told us the French had been making a large Deman[d] for that sort, and took in any the weavers deliver'd 'em, But they hop'd and did not Doubt to bring us in great part if not the whole that Yr. Honrs. Demanded in time for the Janry ships, but the Famine came so soon after upon us that thô our Merchants had their money in the Country they were afraid to [advance] it to the weavers, well knowing they must pay them [an] Extravagant Cooly or they woud spoil the Fabrick, And Observing in Consultation 31 Oct[r].

the List of Investment in the Year 1728, that the reason you gave why no Beteelas were then Orderd, was because the common sorts [were very much] Outdone by the low priced Muslings from the Bay [we] thought it cou'd not be for Y^r^. Interest to send you any so bad and Dear as ours wou'd prove.

The fine Morees of which You Order'd six Hundred Peices very thick and Yard wide for shirts our Merchants have bro^t^. into the Warehouse but Two hundred Peices and for which they ask 60 Pag^s^. ℔ Corge, but besides that we think 'em Dear at that Price. They are not in our Opinion fit for the Purpose you design'd 'em, and observing also in your said List of 1728 the reason you gave why you left off to demand Oringal and Policat Beteelas as well as Ginghams, and some other species of Goods, was because they were so very bad in proportion to their Cost, that you got nothing by 'em, and thought yourselves ill serv'd in those articles. We are apprehensive, were we to send these Morees you wou'd make the same Complaint. But as our Refusal of these may induce our Merchants to mend their Hand, we hope to make you amends next Year. Your Hon^rs^. will also please to tell us if we shou'd be able to bring the finer sorts of Beteelas and Ginghams to be so good and Cheap as formerly whether we may venture to send you any, 'tis certain those Goods are part of the French Investment, but we shall not take upon us to do any thing of this Sort without Your particular directions.

Y^r^. Hon^rs^. have no Izzarees by these ships, Y^r^. Resident at Ingeram cou'd not get those which were good and wou'd not meddle with any which were bad.

We cannot be possitive Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will have any of the Ordŕy Morees this Year, our Merchants have fail'd us in so many particulars that we shall be cautious for the future how we assure you of any thing upon the Credit of their Promisses.

As to the Articles of [Long Cloth] and Salampores you have of each as much [as we cou'd] procure, thô not in the same Proportions as you were pleased to Direct. The Cloth from the Northward such as was wash'd there, is not so well done as we cou'd wish but the Quantity of that w^ch^. came up Brown is as much as we are able to cure here. we think the Cloth in General, Good both from Vizagapatam and Ingeram and hope it will prove to Y^r^. Hon^rs^. liking. Mess^rs^. Davis and Sanderson assure us they have been Oblig'd to advance the Prizes of their Cloth, and we have also been necessitated to make 'em an allowance for it, having given the former half a Pag^a^. ℔ Corge on the Ordŕy Salampores or 3 and [½^d^] ℔ Cent. and the same on the Ordŕy Long Cloth from Ingeram, the rest We have continued at the prizes of last Year not judging 'em to deserve more but what we have so advanc'd we think realy [did]. Those Gentlemen further assure us they have turn'd [out a] great deal of Cloth for short measure, and for being [worse] made than usual thô they might have had an abatement in the Price, in Proportion, but were apprehensive it woud have given to great Encouragement to addulterate the manufacture, to do which the Weavers have already but [too many] Temptations, and are not easily prevail'd on to mend their Hands. M^r^. Graham is not yet arriv'd with the remainder of his Cloth from Maddapollam. [d]The Vessell on which he sent up the first Parcel, met with so long a Passage, and such bad weather that great part of it was damag'd such as was so, after it was reewash'd and put in as good a Condition as we could expos'd to Publick sale and we think the whole loss will not exceed One hundred Pagodas, but [we] cannot make up the account exactly till M^r^. Graham arrives. [e]We have met with so many unexpected disappointments from all our Subordinate Settlements [as well] as at home that we are apprehensive we shall fall [short in] Number of Bales for the last ship, but we hold it better [to] compleat her Tonnage with Salt Petre rather than she shoud run the risque of her Passage by dispatching her out of time, and we shall write to the Bay to supply us with a further Quantity of Petre to compleat the Kentlage of our next Sept^r^. ship.

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[d]Cons^n^. 26^th^. Nov^r^.

[e]Letters rec^d^. 120. 122 126.

[f]When we took into consideration the Dispatch of Y^r^. Ships, the Prince Augustus was not arriv'd from China, and the time it would take up to shift her must necessarily make her Dispatch late in Febŕy. The Normanton was design'd upon the Expedition to Portò Novo, and we cou'd not hope to dispatch her much sooner. We consider'd we had the Ey[les] Cargoe on Hand, which we had designd for the

[f]Cons^n^. 10^th^. Janry.

Prince Augustus had she arriv'd early, But our time growing short we were under a necessity of coming to some Resolution, and concluded to dispatch the Brittania and Duke of Lorain the two first Ships, as they were already half Loaden from the Bay, and to send the Raw silk and the finest part of the Eyles Cargo by them two. The Particulars are in their respective Invoices from hence, and we hope Y^r^. Hon[^rs^]. will approve of what we have done having no other View but to ease Y^r^. Risque on the latter ships.

We apprehend Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will continue to Order a sufficient Quantity of Redwood, and Salt Petre from the Bay for the Dunnage and Kintlage of the Bombay ships, and shall provide in time a Quantity of Redwood. If Y^r^. next Orders contradict it, the Value is not much, and it will not spoil in lyeing by. Y^r^. Orders for the 60 Tons this Year Arriv'd so late it [was] with great difficulty we got it ready to send to Bengall as we have already Advis'd in our Letter by the Lethieulier.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA, AND THEREIN ANY TRA[NSACTI]ONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS.

When the Letheulier saild we told Your Hon^rs^. Y^r^. President had been some time in Treaty with the Governm^t^. here, in Order to disappoint the designs of M^r^. Barrington so soon as he had Obtain'd their consent to the measures he propos'd to take, He went down to Fort S^t^. David to put in Execution the Orders you were pleas'd to give us in the 26^th^. Parag^h^. of Y^r^. Letter ℔ Ship Decker, and to seize M^r^. Barrington and his adherents to which purpose he propos'd to the Government of Pondicherry to join with him, which the other (fully convinced of the great detriment this Unlawfull Trade must be to his Masters) readily consented to, a Detachment of Two hundred men were sent to Porto Novo who Seiz'd the fourth Supracargoe and Writer of the Sweedish ship with 5 other Englishmen. M^r^. Barrington hav^s^. got intelligence of the Arrival of the Troops made his Escape but in so precipitate a manner that he left all his Books and Papers behind him which together with all the Effects were seal'd up by the Commander of the Troops till further Orders. Of the People left at Porto Novo out of their ship there was no Person of Distinction except the Eng[^sh^.] whom we had seiz'd and M^r^. Barrington, who was fled, the rest being all sailors incapable of taking charge of the Cargo neither wou'd it have been Prudent in us to have left it in their Charge, we therefore in conjunction with the French took an Exact Inventory of the Goods, and sent 'em to Fort S^t^. David where they are Lodg'd in secure Godowns. When we came to Examine the Papers before mention'd we found the stock & Block be[longed] chiefly to Englishmen, and have we think full proof that at least Eighteen thousand Pounds doth so, besides what more we have reason to believe is also on English Account. [And we] have therefore thought it our Duty in compliance with the Act of the 3^d^. Year of his present Majesty to [destroy the s]ame which we doubt not Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will approve. But [the] King of Sweeden has given a very Extraordinary [Power to] the Sweedish Captain in the Passport Granted to this ship, and that we are apprehensive the Captain may make use of it as also since we have found as above mention'd that so much of ships Cargoe is English, and consequently by the before recited Act is confiscable, We have thought it is necessary to seize the ship for which purpose [a] we have dispatchd ship Normanton with One Hund^d^. men of our Garrison to Porto Novo to wait for her and have appointed Commander of the Expedition Major John Roach whose great readiness to undertake this Employ, We think ourselves Obligd to mention to Y^r^. Hon^rs^. as a mark of his great Zeal for Y^r^. service, and Interest. We have promis'd a Gratuity to the Men if they succeed, and hope Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will approve thereof. What further Acco^t^. of this affair is necessary Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will find in a Book apart in the Packet and in a small Bundle which our President incloses to you. We shall therefore only add here, that we have good reason to believe if Barrington stays in the Territories of our Nabob we shall have him deliver'd up. And that thô the Sweeds were left at Liberty as subjects of a Prince in amity with the Crown of England yet they were taught to think it for their Interest to come up hither which was done to prevent their getting to their

[a] Cons^n^. 10^th^. Janry.

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own ship again, those here and the rest if we are happy enough to get 'em, shall all
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that desire it have a passage Home on our ships. [c]We have given advices to both the Presidencys, as we did to Vizag[m]. of all our proceedings herein, & our apprehensions of the ships making Reprisal. [Th]e Charges of this affair w[th]. the Presents to the Country Government, & other Expences are not Yet made up but shall [be done by] the latter ships. The Europa arrivd at S[t]. [Thomé] sometime since from Bengall, laden with Rice [but by the] Interest Your President had made in the Countr[y was not] permitted to Land it there and is therefore sail'd for Porto Novo, she had left when she sail'd to Bengall about thirty thousand Pagodas to be
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Invested at S[t]. Thomé, in coast Goods but has got only seventeen Bales of 'em on Board which were sent off in a private manner, the rest may probably be sent after her in Boats, however we hope your Hon[rs]. will believe we have done our utmost to Distress her. The Viceroy of Goa has wrote the Presid[t]. upon this Occasion complaining of the Treatment we have given to this ship as contrary to the Friendship between the English and Portugueeze, to which he hath answer'd that the ships which are realy Portugueze al[w]ays had, and always shall have all the assistance, and liberty imaginable but that this is known to be under the Direction of an Eng[h]. Supra Cargoe, and that he must expect no Assistance, while h'is carrying on a Trade Contrary to the Laws of his Country.

[d]Letters rec[d]. N 9.
[d]The Gentlemen of Bengall have sent us a Letter w[ch]. they rec[d]. from the Ostend Chief signifying that the Company have resign'd their Charter, and that the Emperor has taken their settlements into his own hands but they add no more. Our ship Elizebeth from Bengall brings a report that a ship is gone up the Ganges, with the Emperors Colours said to come from Trieste. [e]From Bombay we have just rec[d]. advice that Angrias whole fleet is at Goria, and that ours lies at the mouth of that Harbour to keep 'em in, and prevent their doing any mischief. The President and Council of Bombay had some Overtures of Peace made to them last Year from him but were obligd to break of the Treaty for reasons which we suppose they'l advise your Hon[rs]. Those Gentlemen complain much of the insincerity of the French at Myhie, whereby they apprehend that the Pepper Trade about Tel[licherry] will be entirely lost both to themselves and the French. [Their] is another War on that Coast occasion'd by the Death of the Seiddy, whereupon the Savagia Rajah had made an inroad into the Territories of the former and possessd himself of the most of 'em, but there is a treaty on foot between them of which Mess[rs]. Lowther & Dickinson are the Mediators and we hope it will soon be concluded.

[e]Letters rec[d]. No. 13.

From Persia we are advised by private Letters that the Turks have intirely defeated the army of Thomas Cooly Cawn the Persian General, who broke off the Peace that they lately made with the King, and had beseig'd Bagdat, so long as to have reduced the Inhabitants to the Utmost extremities but is now Oblig'd to retire with only about 3,000 men of that numerous Army he lately had.

Under the Head of Investment we have mention'd the unsettled state of our inland Provinces from the Depradations of the Maratta's, the motions of these People are so irregular that there is not giving an exact Acco[t]. of 'em, and we can only say that we feel the ill Effects of their intrudes by the General Stagnation of Trade here.

[f]Letters sent 86, 91, 109 [g]Letters rec[d]. 117 [h]Letter rec[d]. 130
[f]Your Hon[rs]. have already been advised what proposals we have made to the Bay, and to the other Coast [g]M[r]. Cowan and Council have signify'd their readiness to join in any Equitable Scheme of Trade, but the [h]Gentlemen of Bengall have told us they think the thing unpracticable, And we therefore beg Y[r]. Hon[rs]. to be judges between us whether the proposals we have made them are not Equitable, and such as they might very well have comply'd with.

[i] Letters sent [. . .]
We have wrote [to the Presi]dent and Council of Bombay in relation to the Cons[ulage] and Brokeridge paid at Surat, they have not yet [given] any answer to our Letter but suppose your Hon[rs]. [will have] a full state of that affair laid before you from them and [we] depend so much upon Y[r]. Justice to all Y[r]. servants in whatever part they are, and Y[r]. Readiness to ease them of any Hardship, and Greviance they may lye under, that we are assured if you find this appears such you'l immediately grant us redress.

Of the Shiping sent out last Year from this Port only the Prince Augustus is yet return'd, and brings up a Profit of about 9 ℔ Cent.

[f]When Y[r]. President was at Fort S[t]. David he rec[d]. several Proposals in consequence of the Encouragement he had given to the Merchants and others for bringing a number of Weavers into the Bounds, Andiapa of Porto Novo promises for 150, the Merchants of Fort S[t]. David themselves have subscrib'd for Building Houses for four Hundred & Shevanague Reddy son of [*lacuna*] Reddy on whose account the War with Syropsing was commenced, has also offer'd to bring in one hundred & fifty more on condition he might have a Cowle from Y[r]. Hon[rs]. to be free from any Demand on the Acco[t]. of said War, or other old Debts. This Number of Weavers supposing 'em all to work the sortments of Cloth proper for Europe Market will make upwards of Eleven Hundred Bales ℔ Ann which will be a noble Addition to the Investment. It is true we have in Order to obtain this been Obligd to part with some present Profit, and even more than Y[r]. Hon[rs]. have in our Letter Authorizd us to do Viz[t]. The Custom of Grain and the Beetle and Tobacco Cowle, but when Y[r]. Hon[rs]. reflect how many of the Inhabitants of Fort S[t]. David have left that Place, on no other account [but the] Beetle farm, and of consequence, how much Y[r]. other Customs have decreas'd by the want of the Consump[tion by] many People only to keep up the Rent of that Farm [which must] nevertheless have fallen in a little time wh[en some] few more People shou'd have gone as they were Daily going; to this, when you shall please to add that You Yourselves have order'd this Duty to be taken off in our villages in Order to procure Weavers to come, and inhabit there, we promise ourselves you'l highly approve what we have done herein, we wish we cou'd tell you we have yet met with success, but till the severe famine we have for some time felt, and which brought the price of Rice at Fort S[t]. David up to a Gold fanam ℔ Measure, we cannot expect to see it. [h]We have endeavour'd to keep that settlement supply'd having sent down from hence two Parcels which the Dep[r]. Gov[r]. and Council write have been of singular service to 'em. Whenever these usefull Inhabitants can be prevailed on to come in we shall take care and keep 'em fully supply'd with all necessarys both for the manufacture, and for their sustenance, and we doubt not but the Consumption of provissions and other things which such a Number of People will occasion will make up the Loss in the Article of the Beetle and Tobacco. As to the alteration in the Customs on Grain, we have only bro[t]. it back to what it was in the Year 1723. And for the Present[e] we have taken it wholy off, lest the few remaining inhabitants shoud have been tempted to Desert us for pure necessity.

[f]Cons[n]. 19th. Nov[r]. This paragr. & all after it under this head should have been copied at ye. end of the fifth head.

[g]Cons[n]. 6th. Dec[r]. 17 do. Letters sent No. 106 107

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[e] Letters rec[d]. No. 123 Letters sent 104

Another alteration mad[e] in the Revenues of Fort S[t]. David is reducing the Custom [on] Blew Cloth, and Paintings made for Pondicherry and [Porto Novo] which before were 5 ℔ Cent to 2½ ℔ Cent as those made for other Places pay. These Goods were loaden with 5 ℔ Cent [in order] to Clog the Trade of those 2 Ports, and to keep [up the] Cloth manufacture to ourselves, but experience has shown us that instead thereof it has only given occasion to those 2 places to decoy away our Painters, and Dyers, and we have therefore made no Goods for either of 'em for some Years past, the lowering therefore the Duty cannot lessen Y[r]. Revenue since it was before as bad as a Prohibition, but may possibly make some addition to it, by recovering Part of that Trade again.

These and several other alterations too long to be here enumerated, have been made at that Place, with the view to the encrease of Y[r]. Investment, and the General Good of the Settlement, for a fuller Acco[t]. of which we beg leave to refer to our Consultations, and Letters sent, and receiv'd, and shall not give Y[r]. Hon[rs]. any further trouble on this Head, But to mention the case of the Vanague Reddy [k]appears by his Acco[t]. Curr[t]. to be indebted to you 7760 Pag[s]. which Debt arrises from having placed to his account the sum we were oblig'd to pay Syropsyng on making the Peace, Expences of the Governour of Pondicherry as Mediator of the said Peace, of M[r]. Bernard Benyon as our Agent at Pondicherry for that Affair and for the Gratuitys to the Military Officers on that occasion. This Debt was many Years ago wrote off Y[r]. Books so that giving him a Discharge will make an alteration in the accounts of the Settlement and as he is in no necessity to return, other than what the inclination

[k]Cons 26th. Nov[r]. 6 Dec[r].

People bear to the Place of their Residence, and as his Family is so considerable, and his influence so great in the country that we have no manner of Reason to apprehend any failure in the Engagement [he] has enter'd into. We believe we need not have said [so much] on this Article, We have therefore given him a Cowle conditionaly that Y^r. Hon^rs. Approve of it.

A[mong the] requests made Y^r. President there was one relating to [the deci]ding of Causes by the Heads of the Casts which having [been at] large debated in our Consultations we will beg leave to refer thereto for the resolutions we came to on that subject which we hope will meet your approbation. The Depy. Gov^r. and Council have not yet sent us the Acco^t. of their Laws and Customs as directed, We suppose occasion'd by the multiplicity of 'em, every Cast having different Laws among themselves besides those observ'd by 'em all in General.

Letter 6th. Febry p. 12 [e] Lett^r. reod.

The Deputy Governour and Council [have] reduced the Corporals to the Limit'd Number struck off from the Gunroom Crew, and from the Peons, and we are in hopes when Grain grows cheap again, the taking off the Beetle and Tobacco farm will enable 'em to reduce the Price of Labour which if so will be some saving to you some of These advices about Fort S^t. David should have come under other Heads but we apprehend it was better to lay the whole account of what we had done about this settlem^t. before you at One View, and have therefore brought 'em altogether under this.

[m] Letter recd No. 114

As for the Expences of Vizag^m, ^mM^r. Davis has given us an account of the particulars and necessity but of them we have not yet had time to talk with him about 'em since he came up, it shall however be done before the Next ship sails.

We omitted by the Lethieulier answering the 4^th. Parg^h. of Y^r. Letter, 6^th. Feb^ry. last relating to the Number of Peons mention'd in attending the President, and others which are not so much for [. . .] there being sometimes of that Number thirty sometimes forty abroad carrying mony to the su[bordinate sett]lements, and Letters and Messages to the [Country Govern]ment. We are far from being fond of any show, which is not necessary, and whenever any Opportunity offers for reducing Y^r. Expences we always do it.

According to our promise by that ship we send in the Packet a Draft of the Grainery with an account of the Expence of it and Y^r. President having got a Plan of Y^r. Bounds here drawn, we send that also in the Packet by the Brittania.

Fifthly touching Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs, and Revenues.

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There has since our last advices happen'd nothing here worth mentioning to Y^r. Hon^rs. with regard to the three first Divissions of this Head. The last has had our maturest consideration, and it's with Grief we must tell Y^r. Hon^rs. that the [a]Sea Customs this Year are fallen upwards of Eight Thousand four Hundred Pagodas. Of this However four thousand seven Hundred is in the Article of Coral alone. In Elephants Elephants Teath and Wax above One thousand Pagodas more. The encrease of the Customs on the Bengall Goods this Year which is seventeen Hundred Pag^s. is more than equalled by the small importation of Surat Goods, and the Maccao Ships loosing her Passage last Season. There is this Year a considerable Quantity of Raw silk imported but it will not sell for Prime Cost in the Bay, [b]we therefore have been Oblig'd to indulge the Proprietors somewhat in [the customs] of it at the Sea Gate.

a Cons^n. 31^st. Dec^r.

b Cons 24^th. Jan^ry.

Our [Customs this] Year are encreased Occasioned by the Painting [. . . and] Manilla ships, and the Customs of Fort S^t. [David . . .] more than the former Years.

[c]Cons^n. 26^th. Nov^r.

[c]The Sea Customer having prepared an Account of the several Articles [mention'd] in Consultation of the 27^th. August past, that and [the report] of the Comittee appointed to search our Records for all orders relating to our Merchants commonly call'd Pattans were both laid before us in Nov^r. but as we had not then got an exact Acco^t. of the Customs, paid at the several Moors Ports on this Coast we could not come to any Determination thereupon till this Month^d. when after a full and mature consideration had on the Purport of the Orders Y^r. Hon^rs.

[d]Cons^n. 17^th. Jan^ry.

had given us in Yr. Letters of the 6th. Febry last relating to those merchants, & of the manner in which their Trade was carry'd on. We found that the allowing a Drawback on the Patan Goods might be attended with severall ill consequences to Yr. Revenues and the rest of the Traders in the Place, and wou'd yet fail of the design proposed, for which and other reasons we have determin'd to let that Affair rest as it did, and shall endeavour to recover those People only by the good Treatment they meet with amongst us.

By the Report abovementioned Yr. Honrs. will perceive an annual Decrease in all the Imports from Pegue, Mergy &c. The article of Elephants alone excepted which is very accidental, and rises and falls according as those creatures are wanted for the armys. We have in former Letters, and in our Consultations of this month when this matter was under Debate fully Explaind the Cause of this Decrease, and we can see no method to cause any alteration herein, but giving al[l reasona]ble encouragement to Trade as we have hith[erto given a]nd shall continue to do One thing ho[wever we have come] to a resolution upon, and that is not [to send any of our] own vessels to Import to the southward, a practice only of late Years but wch. has been a great [Prejudice to the] Place both as it has prevented the Goo[ds] [from] thence being brought up hither for a Market, and as Yr. Honrs. have lost the Customs of those Goods that would otherwise have been imported here, which the Merchants to the Southward, would have been Oblig'd to come hither to furnish themselves with. We shall write to Bengall, and lay the ill Consequences of this Practice before'em and hope the Presidt. and Council there will give Orders that none of their vessels may continue it, but least they should not we now recommend this our Design with the reasons for it to Yr. Honr's. consideration, and shall expect Yr. Orders thereupon. We have also resolved as much as possible, to prevent lending Money to, or Freighting upon Foreign ships.

We come now to give Yr. Honrs. an account of the several steps taken in Order to recover the Trade of Fort St. David, and in Compliance with Yr. other Orders about that Settlemte. The Buildings there have been carefully survey'd, and we have Orderd the Repair of 'em to be sett about with all Expedition the amount of this Expence will be upwards of two thousand two Hundred 2200 Pags. and we hope when finished a small annual Expence hereafter will keep 'em in good Order.

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Sixi[l]y touching Factors, Writers, Officers and their Accounts.

[Charles Peers a] few Days after the Lethieullier saild deliverd [a petition] in Consultation, requesting leave to lay [down service,] which occasioning a Vacancy We have admitted Mr. Wm. Monson to the Board, Mr. Peers has [deliver'd] the Warehouse to Mr. Morse, and the Accot. remains [deliver'd] over as usual as was since that the Accot. remains in the storehouse between Mr. Morse, and Mr. Rous, who enter'd on that Employ the 1st. Inst. Mr. Monson succeeded him as Scavenger & Rentall Generall.

Consn. 13th. Octr.

Cons. 2[2]. Octor.

On the Examining Mr. Barringtons Books and Papers we found such convincing Proofs that Mr. Peers and Mr. Parks had been concern'd in carrying on a Trade to Europe by way of Tranquebar & Copenhagen that we have been oblig'd to obey Yr. Orders of the 11th. Febry 1731 and send 'em Home on the Brittania, We paid the the latter his Gratuity before these Papers were in our possession, Mr. Davis has paid in the Ballance of Mr. Goldfinche's Estate and we shall give Account Curt. London credit for the Amount being Rups. 999. 6. the Particulars of the Accô. Mr. Davis transmitted to us, and is enterd in our Book of Letters recd.

Consn. 10th. Decr. 17 do. 31 do.

Consn. 29h. Octr.

Letters recd. No. 114. Rupees 999-6.

We are sorry to mention a Debt which we fear we shall not be able to recover of Mr. Palmer, Amountg. to Pags. 102 and arises from Charging him with the Cost of 3 Peices of Bengall Canvass 12 Pags. and One Europe Cable sent over to Pegue for Madrass Galley the former of which was Damagd in the vessel that carry'd it, the other upon Tryal, proved rotton, and was sold for Junk for only 33 Pags. so that his Debt is really no more than about 40 Pags. This was however frequently Demanded of him by the Storekr. and his pressing the Payment was a Principal cause of [his Elopement].

Before we close [this letter we think] it incumbent on us to mention to Y[our Hon^{rs}. M^{r}. Letheuliers] return from China on the Prince Augustus instead of proceeding to Europe on the Lyel [The cause] thereof was a marriage Contract he had enter'd [into here] and we are inform'd on his notifying such [his] intention to the other Gentlemen join'd in the Comission with him, they had thought fit to give him a protest for so doing, since allmost all the Business was compleated, and there were still 3 more to finish what might yet remain undone, it might possibly not be necessary, and had certainly been kinder to have let it alone in considerations of the Engagements he had enter'd into. He is in a very bad state of Health and being desirous of staying here, we have consented thereto till Y^{r}. further Orders.

SEVENTLY TOUTCHING ACCOUNTS.

Consn. 10th. Janry. On signing our General Books ending in April last we examind the accounts of Y^{r}. Debts and Credits of which also the Accomp^{t}. deliverd in a List, with an Account how they arose, and we have Order'd the following to be wrote off to Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. London, there remaining no further demands on the several Credits so directed to be wrote off, that we know of in India And for the two Debts so transferr'd the one is for stores short deliverd by Captain Field of the Grantham at the West Coast, and endorsed off of his Bill of Lading, The other is M^{r}. Peter Shilley with whom Your Hon^{rs}. have settled accounts at Home. The Acco^{t}. particulars w^{ch}. ought to be [enter'd] here, is insert'd at the End of this Letter.

[We wrote to] Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. in our last we wou'd Oblig [e Tomby Chitty to] pay the Penalty for Breach of his Contract, we little expected to have met with so much Perversness [and Obs]tinaecy in him, or that he wou'd have met [with so much] encouragement in it as he has. We were oblig'd to enter an Action against him for the recovery thereof which was done in last to which he was indulg'd in time by the Mayors Court to answer thô it was to only to that single Question whether the Contract was comply'd with, and if not why he shou'd not pay the Penalty. And after this long delay Instead of an Answer he put in a Demurrer to the Bill for want of proper Parties, w^{ch}. tho' the first Instance of any Demurrer enter'd since the arrival of the Charter, & tho' the use of it was only to gain a little longer time, was allow'd by the Court, and we have been Obligd to amend our Bill. When we had so done One of the Partys tho' known to all the World to be a partner in Trade with Suncavencatachulum to have appear'd for him in his sickness, and to have been the Person with whom chiefly we transacted these affairs yet on the pretence that he had not sign'd the Contract was again struck out of the Bill, thô 'twas only pray'd therein that he might on oath answer whither he was a Partner in the Contract, or not. The others have not yet given in their answer, But Vencatachulam has fil'd a cross Bill against Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. for the Quarter part of the Broad Cloth which we formerly advised you [. . .] to Tomby Chitty.

As our Cash [*is short at*] present we have only given Bills in [*a few words lost*] Deceased Estates and the Education of the Children belonging to the Inhabitants of this Place [with] necessarys for 'em, The two former agree [with y^{r}.] Orders, and the other what we cannot but suppose you'l approve besides that it's for no great amount.

We have also allowd Captain Goslin on a Representation he made us of the Detriment his staying here, till Sept^{r}. as he must do if the Ulrica doth not arrive soon on the Coast will be to his fortune to remit also some Money for paying off his Debts at Bottomre a favour which his great readiness to undertake this Expedition, if necessary we think deserved of us, and we hope will be approvd by your Hon^{rs}., the Bills are hereunder Enumerated.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE ON THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS PAYABLE AT 2 MONTH'S SIGHT, AND 8 SHILL^{G}. ℔ PAG^{A}. SIGN'D VIZ^{T}.

1. 2. 3.	To Judah Supino & Son or Order.	£510	10	5½	1276	11	13
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	179	10	1¼	448	27	42
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	44	16	½	112	—	17

1. 2. 3.	To Judah Supino & Son or Order	284	5	5¼	710	24	46
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	271	18	¾	679	27	28
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	228	15	5¼	571	33	44
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	157	17	1¼	394	22	66
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	713	10	6¾	1783	29	46
1. 2. 3.	To Mess: Abraham & Jacob Franco or order	467	5	11½	1168	8	51
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	970	10	2	2426	9	62
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	358	16	6	897	2	28
1. 3. 3.	To David Gomes Serra or Order.	487	18	5¾	1219	29	14
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	146	2	11¾	365	13	37
1. 2. 3.	To M[rs]. Eliz: Daranda, & Ab[m]. & Jac[b]. Franco or Ord[r].	472	15	6	1181	33	63
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	36	7	3	90	32	52
1. 2. 3.	To Solom[on Da C]rasto or Order	155	—	10½	387	21	77
1. 2. 3.	To Abr[aham] De Fonseca or Order	174	13	2	436	23	28
1. 2. 3.	To A[br[m]. Portello] or Order ...	138	5	9½	345	26	11
1. 2. 3.	To [Rob[t]. Normon] or Order ...	98	1	10	245	8	20
1. 2. 3.	To [Edw[d]. Jasper] or Order ...	513	4	9½	1283	3	53
1. 2. 3.	To M[r]. [Robert] Norman & M[rs.] Jane Nor:	166	19	10½	417	17	—
1. 2. 3.	To Fran[cis Salvadore] Jun[r]. or Order	3499	18	5	8749	28	76
1. 2. 3.	To Abraham [&] Jacob Franco or Ord[r].	20	7	9½	50	35	10
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob de Moses Franco or Order	1122	4	4	2805	19	40
	These 24 setts value rec[d]. of M[r]. Turner.						
1. 2. 3.	To Abrah[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order value of Mess[rs]. Turner & Solomons	2389	1	2	5972	23	27
1. 2. 3.	To Allexander Bennet or Ord[r]. value of Mess[rs]. Turner & Percival	262	1	1¼	655	5	30
1. 2. 3.	To Abrah[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order	1076	10	8¾	2691	12	24
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob de Moses Franco or Order	959	18	11¼	2399	31	20
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob Abenator Pementell or Ord[r].	506	2	11¼	1265	13	14
	These 3 setts Value rec[d]. of Mess[rs]. Turner & Hammond the above 29 setts all Dated the 5[th]. January.						
1. 2. 3.	To Abr[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order	931	7	9	2328	16	68
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	438	9	7¾	1096	7	33
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	493	14	7	1234	11	49
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	1076	5	7¼	2690	25	16
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	512	6	2½	1280	27	77
1. 2. 3.	To Isaac Salvadore or Order ...	1094	7	7	2735	34	14
1. 2. 3.	To Moses Kenrique[z] Julian or Order	360	10	3½	901	10	22
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob Dias or Order ...	215	11	4½	538	33	20
1. 2. 3.	To James Porten Esq[r]. or Order.	1578	17	2	3947	5	20
	These 9 setts Value of G. M. Pitt Esq[r]. Dat[d]. 10.						
1. 2. 3.	To M[r]. John Turner or Order, Value M[r]. Nath[l]. Turner, Dated 10	2400	—	—	6000	—	—

1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino & Son or Order.	212	12	4½	531	19	55
1. 2. 3. To d°. ...	194	17	5½	487	6	51
1. 2. 3. To d°. ...	684	4	5½	1710	20	—
These 3 setts value rec[d]. [of Rich[d].] Benyon Esq[r]. in return [for Coral.]						
1. 2. 3. To Philip Dorey or Ord[er value of Rich[d]. Benyon] ...	700	—	—	1750	—	—
1. 2. 3. To [Alex[r]. Bennet or [Order value of Cornelia Horden].	200	—	—	500	—	—
These 5 setts [dated the 15[th]. Janry.						
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. Cha[s]. Benyon Or [Order value] M[r]. Rand[l]. Fowke Dated the [19[th]. Inst.]	200	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino & son [or] Value M[r]. Cha[s]. Peers ..	609	19	10	1524	35	22
1. 2. 3. To Cap[t]. Tho[s]. Hall, or Ord[r]. Val: of Cap[t]. T. Tullie	200	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. Elijah Linnet, & M[rs]. Sussanna Burgiss, or their Order value of Tho[s]. Tipping.	288	7	5¾	720	33	58
These 3 setts dated 20 Janu[ry].						
1. 2. 3. To Jacob D[e].] Moses Franco, or Order	130	15	7¼	326	34	20
1. 2. 3. To d°. ...	249	7	—	623	13	40
1. 2. 3. To Abraham D[e].] Fonseca or Order	266	13	8	666	25	40
These 3 setts value of M[r]. [N.] Turner in return for Coral.						
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. Dan[l]. Morse, or Ord[r]. Val. of M[r]. N. Morse	20[0]	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. M[r]. John Starke or Ord[r] Val: of M. Empson	39	2	—	97	27	—
1. 2. 3. To Mess[rs]. Thomas Hall and W[m]. Wood or Ord[r] Val. of Cap[t]. Jn°. Powney	300	—	—	750	—	—
1. 2. 3. To M[rs]. Sarah Goslin, & M[r]. Joseph Godfrey or Order, for Val. rec[d]. of Cap. Franc[s]. Goslin.	10000	—	—	25000	—	—
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. W[m]. Mountague or Ord[r]. value of W[m]. Johnson ...	153	8	9¾	383	21	55
1. 2. 3. To John Freeman Esq[r]. or Ord[r]. value of M[r]. Thom[s]. Cooke ...	240	—	—	600	—	—

We have in several of our former Letters laid before y[r]. Hon[rs]. the [many in] conveniences arising from the too strict pursuing of [the] Methods, laid down by the Charter for trying of causes in which the Blacks are concern'd and among them instanced in the case of Shack Faragula and A'bdul Raijack. We have had several other cases of the like nature where application has been made to the Country Government. It is true the present good Harmony between us, and the Interest Y[r]. President has made with the Chief men at Arcot has prevented any ill consequence attending such applications but this will not perhaps be the case at all times. The Determination of Causes in the Country is very Quick and generally very Equitable likewise. Among us the Delays are of very ill Consequence especially where it happens that the Plaintiff belongs to another Place, and is Obliged to neglect his Affairs there, to attend his Suit, with us. It wou'd be endless to enumerate all the mischiefs arising from this strict observance of the forms prescrib'd which yet must be done till new Directions shall come from Home. We will therefore only mention

this one Case of Sunca Ramah, by which Yr. Authority here is more calld in Question than by any thing that has happen'd for many Years. Had not Yr. Honrs. told us in the case of Tomby Chitty [. . .] Chitty that all these things must go thro' [. . .] ature we shoud have taken very [. . .] him and not have suffer'd him [. . .] You, and put you upon the Level [. . .] the Place who may take it in his Head hereafter to do so. It is not to be conceivd what prejudice [that is to] Yr. Affairs, and how mean it makes us in the [E]yes of the People about us Nor is it possible in a Country where the authority of Yr. Magistrate is absolute and uncontrollable to Express the surprise and astonishment it causes to see you in a case when you are Yr. selves concern'd Oblig'd to recover Yr. right in this manner. Upon the whole of this we think it our Duty to propose to Yr. Honrs. whether we may not in Extraordinary Cases bring the Cause to the Board at once, and in the Case beforemention'd where one of the Partys is a Moorman, or an Inhabitant of the Territories belonging to 'em stay the proceedings of the Mayors Court, and absolutely Order the Dispute to be decided by the Casts, and inforce their Decision, the Consequence of this will be that whenever either Party shall complain to the Country Government a Proof that the cause was determined agreeable to their own Laws and Customs which it will then be in our Power to give, will prevent any Dispute thereupon.

With respect to the Casts we beg pardon if we again request Yr. Hon[r][s]. to explain what you have said about arbitrations a Doubt having arisen among us thereupon where you say in all disputes between the Natives in wch. the Ki[ng's subjects are] not involved, those may, and should be de[cided among th]emselves according to their own customs [or by Justices] or Referees to be appointed by themselves [or otherwise as] they shall think fit, but if they [offer themselves to] have 'em decided by Eng[h.] Laws these must be pursued.

What [we would] beg an Explanation of in this case is whether whe[n a case] shall arise between the Natives if One Party is inclin[ed] to or desirous of an Arbitration the other shall be Obligd to submit to it or whether he by his Obstinacy shall Oblige the other to go to Law. If the former be the design of those Directions there will be no further cause of complaint because the injured Party is generally willing and desirous to have his cause Determin'd by those Persons who must [be] best acquainted with their Laws. If the latter be the meaning of 'em and it be in the Power of either Party to carry it to Court, The Person who owes to or has defrauded another will always go there not only in hopes of Benefit from the long and tedious course of the Proceedings but also for that by means of a false Interpretation (which it is not only easy to foresee may happen but likewise very probable will do so, and of which we had a very Extraordinary Instance in the case of Faragula before mention'd to you) either of the Question to the Evidence, or of the reply, The Court may be lead into an Error which an appeal would not be able to redress the Person in, since no new Evidence can be there brought.

The Book of Instructions is copyd and comes in the Packet by the Brittania.

EIGHTLY TOUTCHING [THE WEST COAST].

Mr. Thomas Yeates [we have already] advised Yr. Honrs. was arriv'd, and we shall [. . .] over by the George agreeable to the Di[rections] by Yr. Orders.

We observe in yr. Letter by the Harrison you approve of the Commission given Mr. [. . . for] the Command of the Troops at Marlbrô. Yr. [Honrs.] had not then been informd we had sent over two Lieutenants from hence, we were advis'd of the Comission given him, and set it aside on accot. of his behaviour when at the West Coast before, which was such as made it impossible in our Opinion for him to carry a Command there, and we therefore hope Yr. Hon[r][s]. will approve of what we did therein.

By the Report of our Committee which you'l receive by these ships relating to the affairs of the West Coast Yr. Hon[r][s]. will see the several regulations proposed, and by our Consultations the resolution we have come to thereupon. The George will sail soon after these ships when we shall give such further directions as we judge necessary for the good of those settlements, However.

We must now recomend to Y^r^. Honours to send annually 3 or 4 chests of Silver there more than you now do least they should be again reduced to the like Streights as they were this Year of which they write us very largely by the George. We are sensible the certificate given M^r^. Gee was not directly agreeable to Y^r^. Orders but as the Equivolent to you was the having the Money advanced you, in your necessity without Interest, we believe you'l look upon it rather as a Merit in the Dep^r^. Gov^r^. & Council than otherwi[se and we ac]cordingly paid it. Your Hon^rs^. will observe [. . . .] is resident of Moco Moco agreeable [to what we wrote] you. We shall defer saying any thing [under this Head] till we send Your Hon^rs^. Copy of [*lacuna*].

SUPPLEMENT.

The In[voice] of the Brittania amounts to Eighty Nine thousand two hundred seventy Eight Pagodas, twenty one fan^s^. and fifty nine Cash Pag. 89278. 21. 59, That of the Duke of Lorrain to Eighty Eight thousand One Hundred Ninety One Pagodas, twenty seven fanams, and forty seven Cash Pag^s^. 88191. 27. 47 Diamonds Registered ℔ Brittania, to Two thousand three Hundred fifty one Pagodas & six fanams Pag^s^. 2351. 6. — Captain Granthams Register of Goods to Three thousand Nine hundred and sixty One Pagodas, five fan^s^. and sixty six Cash Pag^s^. 3961. 5. 66 & seventeen thousand Eight Hundred & Eighty six Rupees Three ann^s^. and six Pice Rupees 17886. 3. 6. Captain Wilsons is Fifty Eight thousand nine hundred and fifty two Rupees, six ann^s^. and six pice Rupees 58952. 6. 6. We wish these ships safe home and are.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^T^. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1734.

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, pp. 65–76.*]

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. Our last bore Date the 31^st^. Jañry 1733/4 by the Brittania and Duke of Lorrain. The Captains went off the next Day, and early in the Morning the 2^d^. Ins^t^. saild with a fair Gale, which we hope carryd 'em, well on their Way. In that letter under the Head of Investm^t^. we said we woud put all the salt Petre on Board the Prince Augustus, and dispatch her in this Month, but as the End of Jañry grew near we began to be apprehensive, that the Ulrica Eleonora, wou'd be late upon the Coast, and therefore in the latter end of it told Y^r^. Hon^rs^. we were doubtfull whether we cou'd Dispatch her or not. Accordingly we took this matter into Consideration, so soon as the other two Ships were gone, and as the Normanton was *half laden from* Bengall, It was agreed to be necessary to send her away. To do which and yet keep a suffic[ient] force to prevent the Captain of the Sweede from [doing misc]hief We were oblig'd to come to a resolution [to detain Cap^t^.] Goslin on the Coast till Septem^r^. and [*a few words lost*] him the 5^th^. to Porto Novo to relieve [Cap^t^. Rigby] orderd to fill up at Fort S^t^. David [. . .] resolution, We consider [that Y^r^.] Hon^rs^. will receive a large supply of Coast Goods for both the March and [April] sails by the ships this Year Dispatch'd That it woud not [be in] our power shoud we fill up the Prince Augustus with our remaining Cloth to get a Cargo ready for a Sept^r^. ship next Year, and consequently you wou'd have no Coast Goods for the March sales nor cou'd we fill her without putting on Board her near One Hundred Tonn of Salt Petre instead of so much Cloth which we have been disappointed of. We further consider'd this is her last Voyage, and she possibly by so late a Dispatch meet with bad Weather, and Damage her Cargoe. But the great and principal Inducement to us to come to this Resolution was, the necessity of putting the finishing stroke to the work we have so happily begun, and by seizing the Ulrica prevent her making reprisals, and thereby doing more mischief than had she been unmolested. We have yet no

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further news of that ship except by a French ship arriv'd to Pondicherry who left her in the River of Bengall the 14th. Janry ready for sailing. But as we were apprehensive were the Comr. of the Sweede's ship to be informd of the Preparations we have made against him he might go to some other Port of India, and make reprisals or by application to the Nabob of Bengall for protection [embarrass] Yr. Affairs We judged it absolutely nec[essary to prevent] if Possible such notice reaching him [If by any] unforeseen Accident he shou'd have been [detained longer in] the River; and have therefore stopt [the London Brigantine now] bound thither. Consn 11th. Febry.

2d. [*A few words lost*] the Head of Investments, we told Yr. Honours we had promis'd the Fort St. David Mer[chants to re]ceede from the Terms of their Contracts with [Regard to] the Prices agreed for and gave you our reasons for so doing. And having since recd. from thence an Accot. of the differences between the real cost of the Cloth and the prices Contracted for we consented to allow it to the Merchants — which being agreeable to the 12th. Pargh. of your Letter by the Wallpole, anno 1730 and to the 27th. Pargh. of that by the Prince Augustus this Year we hope your Honrs. will approve. In this as in all other articles of the same nature, we have acted solely with a view to Yr. Interest, and Yr. Honrs. will observe we have given Directions to the Deputy Governour & Council to be first well assured of the Truth of the Merchants accounts before they allow them. We are advised from thence that Two hundred weavers & Painters are come into the Bounds already and in order to keep them there we have directed the Deputy Governour & Councill to find 'em work, and have ourselves sent 'em a further supply of Paddy which we shall continue as they want it. Letters recd. No. 11. Consn. 2d. Febry. Letters sent No. 18. Lett recd. No. 19. Lett sent No. 18.

3. Yr. Honrs. will find the Maddapollam Cloth is all packd in Waxcloth but we shall forbid it in future.

4. The Royal Guardian left Tellicherry the 9th. Febry after putting ashore there most of the Salt Petre, and Red wood she had on Board, but the Mary was not arriv'd ye 18th. of that Month. Letter recd. 25.

5. We have sent Yr. Honrs. by the Lethieulier and Brittania, the best Accot. we cou'd get of the Contract the French made with their Merchants, They have since the two ships dispatch'd in Septr. sent home two more. The Accot. [of the] Cargo's is in the Packet, Yr. Honrs. will observe the [Depy. Govr. &] Council of Fort St. David in Answer to [that part of the] Letter relating to this article say it can[not...] because the servants of the French [Company do not receive] any information of this kind. Lett. recd. No. 11.

[6] Mr. Benyon has inform'd us the Gentlemen in Bengal have chargd [him] Freight on the silver he sent down thither on the Bri[ttan]ia and Normanton in consequence of an Ordr. from Yr. Honrs. to that Place thô he wrote to his attorneys that it was the silver he was permitted to bring out with him, and on which he had already paid into Yr. Treasury at Home 3 ℔ Cent. We mention this to Yr. Honours because Mr. Benyon tells us the Cause of this Order to Bengall was Yr. resentment against the Freighters of the Compton for their having chargd Freight on some silver sent from hence, on Yr. Accot. by that ship. And that, on his Representing to Yr. Honours that we had (so far from charging Freight on silver carryd for you) even taken in Metals on Yr. Account, and carryd 'em thither Freight free several times, and more particularly by the Samuel and Royal George, You had been pleasd to direct this Order shoud be Omitted in yr. Letter to us. Mr. Benyon therefore hopes Yr. Honrs. will please to direct the Repayment of the said Freight charge'd him; and as our Practice has been very different from that which you so justly blam'd in the case above mentiond, we flatter our selves Yr. Honrs. will continue in the same favourable sentiments with regard to us, as you had when you were pleasd to Omit sending the [Order to] us.

7. Yr. Honrs. will have seen [by our Cash] account in Janry and by this ship also, how [. . . .] on us; As there will in all likelyhoo[d be no remittances] for the future in Diamonds, the [*a few words lost*] will always be remitted by Bills of Exchange. This and the Receipt of what shall [be order'd] for Deceased Estates with the produce to the [Goo]ds we annually sell here will in all probability keep our Cash so well supplyd as to leave no room for accepting

Money on any other occasions unless where your Hon^{rs}. give particular Directions. And as the Diamond Trade is now at an End and that Y^{r}. Cash is so largely supplyd from other springs as to leave no room for us whenever we have occasion to remit any part of our Estates to Europe. We beg leave to represent these difficultys to Y^{r}. Honours, and to request that you'l permit us to remit our Money by way of China in Gold upon Your ships free of Freight. Which we hope your Hon^{rs}. will indulge us in the rather because by a Calculate of the produce of One Hundred Pag^{s}. so remitted which we send on the Packet. You'l find there is no advantage to us by it, but that of returning our Estates when it is not convenient for you to grant us Bills directly. We have more than once formerly Tenderd Gold to Y^{r}. Supra Cargoes, to be register'd and sent on Y^{r}. ships, but have always been refused; on what motive, whether by Orders from Your Hon^{rs}. to that Purpose, or from an apprehension of the Price of Gold rising, in case [*a few words lost*] into that Method we know not.

8. [In our] Packet we send an acco^{t}. of all the Disbur[sements] made on Acco^{t}. of the Ulrica, whether in [presents for Entertain]ment, Charges of the Porto Novo [Expedition and the] ships sent down thither. To w^{ch}. we have agreed to add five
Cons. 16 Feb. Hundred Pag^{s}. for a Present to the French Major [which] we thought very necessary to be done and as he was [a Foreigner] we judgd a less sum would not be sufficient & we hope your Honours will think us right, therein.

Letters rec^{d}. No. 25. [9] Since our last we have been advised from Tellichery that the Dutch have sent three hundred Men to the assistance of the Moors at Cananore, against the Canarees but as yet to little Effect. These Gentlemen continue their Complaints of the French at Mihia.

Letters rec^{d}. An 1733 No. 114. 10. We have strictly examin'd the Acco^{t}. of the Expences of Vizagapatam, and having talkd with M^{r}. Davis about 'em, are of opinion no further reduction can be made at present. Besides the reasons mention'd in our Consultations for continueing
Cons^{n}. 11th. Febry. the last recruit of Military there, there is this further one to be given that many both of the Gunroom Crew and of the Garrison of that Place are grown old in the service, and capable of little more than the common Duty which makes it the more necessary to keep the others there. The Head of Peons and Servants Wages which your Hon^{rs}. particularly point at, you will find so fully Explaind in the state of those Expences sent us last Sept^{r}. as to need no further remark thereon, and you'l see that many other articles are included [under that] Head, as well as the attendance on, and all [. . .] servants.

11. We have already [sent to your] Hon^{rs}. the Report of our Comittee to whom [. . .] of the West Coast Books and Pa[pers . . .] as the [. . .]
Lett sent No. 21. George is since gone you'l now receive the Copy of our additional Orders to 'em. You'l observe [from our] Letter thither under the Head of Shiping that we [never] refused to allow M^{r}. Rigg any consideration for the Damages his Goods suffer'd in the Passage having examind preceedents on that occasion and found that it had been settled in Consultation 13 Sep^{r}. 1715 on a Report of a Comittee appointed to examine a Dispute of that nature, that the Custom of India was otherwise since in all the Freight ships to Surat, Bussero, Mocha &c^{a}. No Damage is ever allowd.

12. You'l also Observe the Orders we have given on Occasion of the Pepper lost on the Bar at Laye, and that we have sent 'em a Quantity of Lamp Oyl, thô not demanded finding it very Dear there we have also sent a considerable Quantity of white Long Cloth for Anacksongey. We shall take care to keep 'em supplyd with these and such other necessarys as they shall want. But we have directed 'em for the future to indent to Europe for what they stand in need of from thence which only fills our ships with Lumber, and we apprehend the S^{t}. Helena ship has always room enought to take it in, We have already mention'd the sending more treasure thither in our Letter by the Brittania.

13. The Report of the Comittee is so full under the Head of [Invest]ments that we can add nothing thereto, and [shall only have] to refer to it. Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will there see what [instructions we have] given for the encouraging of the Planting ho[th

. . .] Coffee. As to the arrack and Sugar Pla[ntations we are] sorry to say it's still a loosing article [*a few words lost*] Dep^{y}. Gov^{r}. and Council have ruind [*a few words lost*] the Price from 24 to 36 Dollars ℔ Leg^{r}. In their Letters to us by the Georg[e they] declare themselves of Opinion, that it is more Advantageous to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. to carry on this work even at a Loss of five Hundred Dollars ℔ Ann̄ than to drop it, since you might sometimes suffer in the want of Arrack on the Coast were it not for the supply from the Plantation, and the Arrack Lycence must of course cease. We shall be able to say more on this Head when [we] receive their next Letters. We have been inform'd their is Salt Petre procureable on the West Coast about Manna, and have given Directions to the Deputy Governour and Council to send us a sample and to enquire what Quantity may be got there Yearly.

Letter's recd. An̄ 1733 No. 94.

14. In Y^{r}. Letter by the Harrington we Observe Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. enquire after the Expence of Salt on the West Coast, and whether the Europe salt wou'd be agreeable to the Natives. Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will observe by several Invoices of that Commodity, sent from hence, that we buy it here at 3 Pag^{s}. the Garce which is four Tonns, and consequently it is impossible to supply them from Europe near so cheap. The Garce produces about a Coyan and a Quarter there, which being sold at 25 Dollars ℔ Coyan produces Pag^{s}. 625 for Pag^{s}. 90; The Prime cost of thirty Garce near, which Quantity the George will carry and thereby makes good near [. . .] Freight of a Trip thither.

15. The Dep^{y}. Go[v^{r}. and Council] having sent us a Malay Prisoner on [. . .] have thought proper to Order them in [*a few words lost*] sent to S^{t}. Helena from whence [*a few words lost*] they may be Oblig'd to Work for a maintenance we hope Y^{r}. Honours will approve [thereof].

16. In y^{r}. Letter by [the] Prince Augustus under this Head Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. are pleas'd to tell us if any of your Orders relating to the Country Government, or any other branch of Y^{r}. Affairs on the West Coast excepting Coven^{d}. servants should run counter to the Directions we may have given from hence, you are willing to deviate therefrom, in case upon mature consideration we shall Judge it for your Interest so to do. The wording of this Parag^{h}. has rais'd a Doubt among us whether this exception with regard to covenant servants doth not put it out of our Power to remove a Deputy Gov^{r}. or any other of Y^{r}. servants there in higher or lower stations if guilty. We have not found anything in the Conduct of the present Deputy Govern^{r}. which should induce us to believe there will be occasion for such a thing in his time, But we must recommend to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. consideration whether if hereafter we should be convinced of the necessity of such a removal either from incapacity or infidelity, Y^{r}. affairs may not suffer the greatest prejudice by so long a delay as woud necessarily be Occasiond, by our being obligd to send our Opinions of the faulty Persons to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. for [your] Orders thereupon, which must take up two Years at [least by wh]ich time they woud be going on in th[e same way ins]tead of immediately removing them. It is [not out of] fondness of a more extensive Authority [that we write] to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. but from an Apprehension [of the consequences] which may ensue by altering the former Dependance that Settlement had on this Place.

17. There [is a] Credit of Dollars 66. —. 65 or Pag^{s}. 44. 3. 72 to the Account of M^{r}. William Dunster Merchant in London for Dividends of his Nephews Estate, which we have Order'd to be transferr'd to Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. Fort S^{t}. George, and as there is no demand on him in India we shall in our next Books carry it to Acco^{t}. Curr. London.

18. In this Packet we send the proceedings in the Court of Appeals, and at the Sessions concerning both which Y^{r}. Honours will Observe something very extraordinary, and which we mention to you to show the Temper of the Gentlemen who compose the Mayor's Court. It happen'd in March last, that One Marcasagahim was tryd for Perjury on an information lodgd against him by the Register of that Court by Order of the Court, for having in an Answer to a Bill Exhibited there, sworn one thing and in an Affidavit before M^{r}. Roach the Contrary. On the Tryal it appearing that the Affadavit, before M^{r}. Roach related to matters of Debt only which it was

urg'd as a Justice of Peace, he was not empower'd to take Cognizance of and that therefore such Affadavit being *Coram Non Judice* wou'd not make the Party Guilty of Perjury according to the Laws of England by which he was tryd. The Jury brought their Verdict in Special, and the judges confirming the Objection the Man was clear'd. The Mayors Court looking upon the [clearing] this Man who had been prosecuted by 'em [as demeaning] their authority were oblig'd as the [. . .] to take other measures to support it, [. . .] the future not to trust to indictments but [. . .] to impose fines for prevaricating [*a few words lost*] accordingly within a few days after having as they imagind a good Opportunity to exert themselves they proceeded as Yr. Honrs. will find in the case of Ramah Chundra, which comes in the Packet and to which we refer, for a full account of our proceedings herein. We were obligd to take the Measures we did to support both Yr. authority, and our own, since the man they imprison'd was the Renter of the Beetle & Tobacco farm and of the Arrack and Wine Lycence, and security for the Renters of some other of the Farms. And the design of imprisoning him was only to strike a terror into the Inhabitants who wou'd ever after have dreaded the Authority of the Mayors Court, when they should have found it was in Yr. Power to protect a Person so deeply concernd in the collecting Yr. Revenues. We do not mention this as if we in the least apprehended our selves not to have acted consonant both to Law and Reason, bnt to let Yr. Honrs. see how much Yr. authority is disputed by those Gentlemen, and how absolute they pretend their own to be since as you will observe in the said proceedings they claim to themselves a Power of fining whom they please without appeal, and where such a Power woud carry 'em is easy to be perceiv'd. The other remarkable [. . .] that the last Sessions the Mayor, all the Alder[men . . .] and the Register of that Court being [. . . .] Jury the Mayor who was first upo[n . . .] being consequently first calld upon by [. . .] P[e]ace refused to be sworn prod[uced . . .] abridgment of a Stat[e ment] to Juries which says they should be Balloted for, And he insisted [thereupon]. The Judges (tho' they thought it would have been handsomer to have made this objection to the Clerk of the Peace, before the Court sat, and not in Open Court, yet had so much regard there to take a Day to consider of it, when they found That the Act as there abridg'd mention'd only Justices of *Nisi prius* & Assise before whom Juries are so to be Balloted for which Comissions are not granted to us in the Charter but only those of the Peice Oyer and Terminer, and Goal Delivery. That had it been otherwise an abridgment of a statute published by a private Hand carryd no weight with it. That had the act concerned the Plantations they wou'd have been mentiond in it as the Principality of Wales, and several others are, and that Yr. Honrs. would undoubtedly have sent us proper Instructions thereupon. All this was urgd the next morning but to no Purpose and from the Mayor down to the Register they all to a Man refused to be sworn, in wch. they were follow'd by Mr. Peers and two more, One of whom they have since chosen into their Body.

19. Yr. Honrs. will be advised from Fort St. David of the amount of the Invoice and the Captains Register of Goods by this ship which we wish safe Home to you and are

Fort St. George — Honourable

Febry. 18th. 1733/4. — Yr. faithfu[ll and] Hum: Servants.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY DATED AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 2, 1734. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol.* 11, *pp. 1-38.*]

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. We wrote your Honours the last season by the Lethieullier under date the 1st. October, Duplicate and triplicate of that Letter went on the Britannia & Duke of Lorrain. By those ships We again addressed you in a Letter dated the 31st. January third Copy whereof with another Letter of y^{e}. 18th. feb^{ry}. we sent by the Normanton of which last we now transmit copies on each of these ships. Your Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^{t}. David wrote you also by her the 25th. February of which the Duplicate is enter'd in our Books of Letters received that come on the Packets by these ships. Parag. 1st. 9th. Nov^{r}. 1st. 21st. Decem^{r}. 1st. 29 Jan^{ry}. Letters rec^{d}. No. 81.

2. Since those dispatches we ha ve been honour'd with three Letters from you dated the 9th. Nov^{r}., 21st. December, & 29th. January 1733 which we shall at present only answer in part, reserving some Articles for the January ships when we send our general books & the records of our Courts to which they relate. For the same reason we omit mentioning several particulars that your Honours will observe in those books now sent you.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. We congratulate your Honours on [the safe arrival] of the several ships dispatched from Ind[ia . . .] 32. We hope those of the last have met with the same good success. Of those bound out this year the Princess Louisa as We are inform'd by the London just Arrived from Mocha was to be dispatched from thence about the 20th. of July with three thousand eight hundred bales of Coffee. The ships for this Port and the Bay arrived & proceeded on their Voyage in the following Order. 2^{d}. 3 4 5 6 } 9th. Nov^{r}.

Mountague ...	...	5th. June	...	sail'd 16th. June.
George ...	...	5th. June	...	11th. July.
Duke of Dorset	...	14th. June	...	28th. August.
Hertford ...	..	25th. June	...	25th. July·
Ockham ...	...	9th. June	...	16th. June.
Princess Royal	...	21st. July	...	28th. August.
Drake ...	...	26th. July	...	3^{d}. August.

4. By the Normanton we gave your H^{rs}. the reasons of our detaining the Prince Augustus. We now dispatch her with one thousand three hundred & Eighty five bales of Coast goods and with fifty Ton of Salt petre not included in her Charterparty Tonnage. The Royal Guardian came in here in May being dispatched too late from Bombay to go home last season & now sails in Company with Cap^{t}. Gostlyn. Our President and M^{r}. Benyon acquaint us they have given the proper signals to him & Cap^{t}. Hoadly agreable to the Directions received from your Honours and you will observe by our dispatches to the former and Letter to the Latter We have complied with your Orders for securing them from accidents in their Homeward bound Passage [Cons. 6 May, Consult. 8 May, Consult. 27th. D^{o}.]. 4th. 21st. Dec^{r}. Consult^{a}. 6 May Consult^{a}. 8 May 27 D^{o}. 18th. 9th. Nov^{r}. 3^{d}. 21 Dec^{r}.

5. The Heathcote was at Surat Bar on accasion of some disputes with the Government too late to be dispatched home and we hear is design'd for Bengal. The Mar[y in] her Passage from thence last season met w[ith very] bad weather & was Obligd to put into Galle[owing to the dam]age she received. She has since got [*a few words lost*] but too late to be return'd home. The Ships now bound out to that Port and those to China we have not as yet had any news of. Letter rec^{d}. No. 65.

6. The George from Bencoolen imported the 19th. Instant and brings advice that the Madrass Galley only waited for the Arrival of the Lyell to be dispatched which we hope was not long after the George came away.

7. 9 Novr. 7. Capt. Bagwell could get only twenty eight slaves at Madagascar occasion'd as he setts forth in his Diary (of which your Honours will have a Copy from Fort Marlborough) by the Death of the King. He brought us no pepper the Deputy Letter recd. No. 67. Governr. & Council (as we apprehend by their Letter to us by him) having understood your Orders for fitting the Lyell to signifie that they were to put as much on Board as she can take in.

2d. 29 Janry. 8. We did not receive advice of the Loss of your ship Eyles till after the Normanton the last ship dispatched to the Bay was gone and the Lethieullier was ready to be sent away for Europe. And as we dayly expected the Eyles's arrival to take her Cargo in again we could not put any part of it on board the other ships which is the reason your Honours had none of it on the Lethieullier. The most valuable part of her Cargo we sent last January for the reasons then given your Honours the remainder comes by the Prince Augustus now and was designed a part of her Cargo if we had sent her away in february.

Consults. 6 May, 6 June. 9. It is our constant practice when we send ships home from hence directly to have them [. . .] & strictly Survey'd which was done th[. . .] we began to send bales on board th[e Prince Aug]ustus.

8th. 9 Novr. 5. 21st. Decr. 3 | 29 13 J Janry. 10. We have had no advices from the President & Council of Bengal this Season since the 6th. March by the Charles Sloop and have therefore been at some loss to know what quantity of Rupees and Redwood to provide for them, however as we imagined Your Honours would order a quantity of the latter for Bombay We had 66th. 29th. Janry. resolved to provide sufficient, before the receipt of your orders, for that purpose, and of the other We agreed to coin one half of what should come out, accordingly the Mountague, Drake & Ockham carried their Bullion down and we coin'd what received by the other three ships besides which having bought all we could in the beginning 70th Consults. 18th. Mar. of the year we sent fourteen chests by the Deane frigate freight free and thirty more by your Ship Hertford being the produce of what bought & the ballance of last year's account.

11. None of the Commanders have this year applied to us for leave to stay longer than was necessary for dispatching what we had for them to do, and we shall observe the orders received from your Honours on occasion of the Permission given to the Commander of the Prince of Orange. The reason of our detaining those ships, out of which we have taken the Silver, till it was coined, has been that we might as near as possible send an equal risque on them to the Bay as your Honours at first designed. Thus we took out of the George fifty Chests of silver & sent her away as soon as we could get fifty Chests of Rupees ready, The Duke of Dorset[t and the] Princess Royal carry the remainder the first [of these ships] has indeed lain here a Considerabl[e time but had] she gone sooner there would have been too great a risque on the Princess Royal which we chose to avoid.

4TH. 12. The Madrass Galley was built as cheap as vessels of her burthen generally are at Pegue and the Leak which obliged her to put in at Fort St. David was not a defect in the Vessel but proceeded from an oversight in the Builder. That Vessel had on board then upwards of sixty Tons in salt & other goods on your Honours account besides Ballast & nothing for private Account except the Masters and Officers priviledge.

5TH. 13. Since the Orders we gave to Bencoolen for altering the method of dispatching the ships to us They have met with better Success and made tollerable passages. We shall therefore take care to see those orders duely observed & we hope thereby prevent any more such unfortunate accidents as happen'd to the George.

6TH. 14. What ships have lost their Passages of late have been either from Bombay or Bengal we have indeed for some years dispatched one of our Ships about the Middle of February occasion'd by the late Arrival of the Cloth from the Northern Consults. 4th. July Letters sent No. 77. Letter recd No. 73. Settlements which we have had great difficulty to get washed for prevention of which this season as much as in us lies we have order'd the Cheif & Council of Vizagapatam to send us up all the Brown Cloth they have on hand on the Royal George now dayly expected from Vizagapatam and the Triplicane will bring what lies at Ingeram. Your Honours may be assured we suffer no delay that can Possibly be avoided.

[15]. Tis with a great deal of concern we acquaint your Honours that the Ulrica Eleonora escaped from our Cruisers after they had waited for her till y^e^. 2^d^. of March when she fell in with them. She was chased by them to the southward of Negapatam in a large Offing but as We were apprehensive she must return upon the Coast we did not think it safe to recall them till the middle of April. While we were in expectation of her return we prevailed on y^e^. Owners of the Royal George to send her to Join the other two in hopes she might by the advantage of her sailing prevent the Ulrica's getting away a second time if she would fall in with them again. We have since been advised that she touched on the Malabar Coast about seven Leagues to the southw^d^. of Cochin for water and that the Dutch hearing of a strange ship there sent a party of men to examine them who met with about twenty of her People ashore & after a short resistance in which two were killed took and carried them to Cochin. Those advices add that the Comodore of Cochin put the Prisoners on board two Ships then bound to Batavia with orders to call in where the Ulrica lay and if her pass was good to deliver them up. But the Cap^t^. of the Ulrica apprehending the Dutch might have the same orders that we and the French had would not speak with them & therefore put to sea. A French Ship from Europe met her the 7^th^. May at Diego rais an Island about 130 leagues to the Eastward of y^e^. Mauritius and supplied her with two and twenty Casks of water with which she is proceeded for Europe. It is a very great satisfaction to us to find our proceedings last year with regard to [*a few words lost*] so exactly with the directions now received from your Honours; and We do assure you we will at all times exert ourselves to the utmost to distress all interlopers & Upstart traders whatsoever. As for Milner and Tabuteau the Supra Cargoes of the Europa we were well assured they stay behind in Bengal & were to come to the Coast on the Ulrica where they now both are, so that it would have been not only a needless attempt but very prejudicial both to your Interest & that of the private trade to have made any demand of them from the Portuguese Captain Thô had they been there no regard to our own advantage should have prevented it. We mentioned a Letter from the Vice Roy of Goa to your President last year occasioned by our forbidding our Inhabitants to trade with her for which he carryed his resentment so far as to deny product to y^e^. English ships at Goa which came from this side but on receipt of the answer our President sent him he again permitted y^m^. the freedom of the Port as Usual.

Consult^a^. 9 March
Letters sent No^o^. 29 to No^o^. 36. Lettr^s^. recd. No^o^. 30 35. 38.
Const^n^. ult^o^. 13^th^. April
Letter sent No^o^. 52. 54.
Recd. No^o^. 47.
Consult^a^. 18^th^. March
Letter sent No^o^. 37. to No^o^. 41
D^o^. 47
D^o^. recd. No^o^. 37
Lettr^s^. recd. No^o^. 46.
Letters sent No^o^. 56.
Letters recd. No^o^. 64.
Consult^a^. 22^d^. July. 7TH.

16. We keep the Cargo of the Ulrica in secure godowns at Fort S^t^. David till receipt of your directions relating thereto, but as the Provisions, Liquors & several other particulars must have been intirely spoiled by lying so long we did with consent of the Governour and Council of Pondicherry make a sale of them the particulars of which are at large in our several books now sent home.

Consult^a^. 25^th^. febry 4^th^. Aprill 29 D^o^.
Letter sent No^o^. 27. 28

17. The present designd for Maj^r^. La Farrelle on this occasion was not given him because the Governour of Pondicherry in a Letter to Your President told him the manner in which M^r^. La Farelle's services had been represented to their Company was a sufficient reward and therefore desired the present might not be made.

Consult^a^. 6 March.

18. We told your Honours last year we laid an Embargo on a vessel bound to Bengal to prevent advises reaching the Commander of the Ulrica, so soon as she appeard upon the Coast we gave the master of the Bengal vessel leave to proceed One Burgess who called himself Supra Cargo of her sent us a protest ashore for this detention & for hindering him in carrying on his trade, which as we have very good reason to beleive is what he has no permission for, from your Honours We have desired the President and Council of Bengal to examine & if he has no indentures We hope they will resent he [*sic*] behaviour in a proper manner and send him Home.

Consult^a^. 9^th^. March.
Consult^a^. 18^th^. March.
Letters sent No^o^. 49.

19. We shall give the Cap^ns^. of your ships Certificates for what money they pay into Cash on accôt of wollen goods, Lead or Iron we have sent a particular accôt to the Bay of what brought ashore here out of each ship & shall continue it. And if ever we find the Commanders exceed the quantities of goods mentioned in the manifests we shall not fail to advise your Honours thereof.

13^th^. 9 Nov^r^. 8^th^ 29. Janry.
Lettr^s^. sent No^o^. 79. 94.

9TH. Consultn. 15th. Augt. Letters sent No. 93.

20. When we thought the time for the arrival of [your two vessels from Bencoolen drew nigh we wrote to the Deputy Governour &] Council of Fort St. David that in case either of them passed in sight of that Port they shou'd put what bales they had on hand on board them in order to save the freight pd. to Country sloops for which reason we had before order'd the Prince Augustus to bring what lay there when she returned from her Cruise. The George is since come in without touching there having been cautious of seeing Pondicherry on Accôt of the reports she heard at the West Coast of a War in Europe for which reason she kept off to sea till she got to the Northward of Fort St. David.

Consultn. 18th. April Lettr. sent No. 53.

21. We shall be sure to lay hold of every opportunity that offers for lessening the expense of these two vessels & therefore as the Europe ships will bring up wt. bales they may have at Vizagapatam by Christmas and that we cannot send the George back to Bencoolen till January We are now sending her to Pegue to bring timbers for Vizagapatam and Ingeram which cannot be provided here but at an Extravagant expence which she will put ashore there & take in what bales may be left after the Europe ships are come away. At the same time she will bring what planks are still wanting for compleating the sloop at Marlbrough.

Consultn. 26th Augt.

14TH 9TH NOVR. Consultn. 12th Augt.

22. We return Your Honours our thanks for the Liberty granted us of sending us small presents to our Friends at home & have appointed the sea Customer to licence the same as also Diamonds & Goods belonging to the Officers & Seamen. The Register of the Captains goods comes in the usual form.

15TH. Consultn. 15th Augt. 17TH. Consult.

23. There has been no damage or deficiencies in the Cargoes of the ships this year except on the weight of the Lead by the Hertford which the Captain paid for at the rate of thirty ℔ Cent agreable to yr. orders. The account of the Number of Pags. and weight thereof we send in the Packet. There is a surplus weight of Lead by the Duke of Dorset and Princess Royal thô the number of slabs is right in all nine hundred weight & nine pounds which probably may account for the deficiency of that by the Hertford.

Consultn. 8th. July.

24. There came a Bale of Douroys by the Duke of Dorset which on opening ye. Packet appear'd to be damaged but the Capt. refused to pay for them affirming it did not proceed from any accident on board. We therefore appointed a Committee to examine the same who having reported the damage to proceed from their being put up damp & not from the ship we have wrote the amt of to Acct. Currt. London.

Consult. 15th Augt.

6TH. 21ST. DECR.

25. The order for sending Capt. Gilbert home directly from hence we coud not possibly comply with having kept the Prince Augustus as we last Year wrote Your Honours. We could indeed have let the ship ride the Monsoon out here but as we must then have had Salt petre from Bengal for our next years September ship very [*a few words lost*] and that we are also in great want of Packing stuff especially that Bulky article of Gunneys which the Gentlemen in the Bay write us They did not think it worth while to send a sloop with in the beginning of the season We though[t] it most for your Advantage to send her to the Bay: Especially as you will by the Prince Augustus be supplied with Coast Goods for your Spring Sale; the reason given by your Honours for ordering Capt. Gilbert Home.

Lettrs. recd. No. 45.

SECONDLY TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

9th. 9th. Novr. 2. 21st. Decr. 10., 29 Janry.

26. We return your Honours our thanks for the Madera Wine sent us by the Duke of Dorset We wish we could have given you as agreeable an account of the sale of it as of that by the Nassau we hope however as this parcel produced three thousand one hundred & forty two pagodas or Leakidge included thirty one Pagodas & a half ℔ pipe It will be encouragement sufficient to engage your Honours to send us annually a Supply of sixty Pipes a hundred we find it to much for the Consumption of this Place the leakidge is six ℔ Cent much the same as usual.

[14th] 1st. 9th. Novr.

27. Your Honours not complying with Coja Thadeus's indent for Broad Cloth is a vast advantage to your Merchants, who have still on hand all the last thousand bales and a large quantity of what received formerly while the two sets were in partnership. We gave yr. Honours by the Lethieullier last year an accôt of the many

di[fficulties y^r.] Merchants labour'd under with regard hereto. They have now pretty nigh clear'd their bond for the first thousand bales But (as we then wrote you We apprehended would be the case), When the time of payment for the remaining thousand came we could get nothing but excuses from them & complaints of the troubles in the Country, Having therefore duely considered the ill consequences of using rigourous measures on these occasions as also that there was no Cloth indented for last year and that consequently there will in all probability none come out We consented to allow them two years time to pay for it and have taken their bond at interest for the same payable at three equal payments; which we hope your Honours will approve; since in all likelyhood this Parcel will be sold by the end of April 1736 when they are to clear the Account and make way for the six hundred Bales now indented for. We can add no more on this head to what we have for several years past wrote your Honours but must beg leave to assure you that till the year 1729 the Broad Cloth was sold at thirty ℔ Cent only. But that there was then a penalty due from the Merchants of upwards of twenty thousand pagodas for breach of Contract which sum was absolutely forgiven them & in consideration thereof (tho we own it is not so expressed in the agreement then made) they consented to the advance of five ℔ Cent, which continued only to the end of the year 1731, when it was again reduced to the old rate the Merch^ts. being apparently loos[ers by that] price.

11th. 29th. Janry.

Consulta. 15th. June.

28. We have sold off the Druggets & Camblets mentioned last year and do annually sell off such wares & stores, as we apprehend to be in danger of spoiling which practice we shall continue. The amount of stores wasted, dryed, decay'd, &c. which we have permitted to be wrote off here & at Fort S^t. David is much the same as usual.

13th. 48 } do.

Consult^a. 27th. May.

Consult^a. 10th. June.

29. We did propose to have sold a quantity of Lead the beginning of this year But the Excessive price of grain encouraging the northern boats to make a second trip They would carry nothing with them but Rupees to prevent any delay in providing their returning Cargoes and we therefore thought it useless to put any up at outcry we have now lately sold four hundred Candies at twelve pagodas which is a great price and we propose as soon as it is deliver'd to put up one thousand Candies at outcry but defer y^e. doing it till then least the Purchaser should refuse to stand to his Bargain and choose to take the chance of the outcry where we apprehend it will not fetch so good a price but as we have still upwards of two thousand Candies on hand we must sell it off. The Copper shall be sold in such manner as we judge will be most for y^r. advantage. M^r. Morse desires to make his acknowledgements for the favourable mention made of him in this paragraft [*sic*] & promises his best services in whatever employ he is.

14th. 47 } 29th. Janry.

Consult. 25th. Febry. Consult^a. 15th. Aug^t.

30. We have sent all the Tutenague receiv'd for your Dividend of the Prince Augustus to Bengal the President and Council there writ^s. us it was worth twenty Rupees ℔ Maund Some on the Charles sloop together with a few Anchors demanded from thence. We did not dare to venture any thing more on her because the master told us she was very old and crazy & she was going in the very worst season of the year which was the reason we deferr'd sending down the rupees till the Deane sail'd. The rest of the Tutenague the Elizabeth carried down freight free, but we allow'd the Owners of her one hundred pagodas for freight of treasure Bale Goods & a considerable quantity of Gun Powder sent by her in the beginning of the year to Vizagapatam where she stopped to deliver them thô much out of her way.

Letters sent No. 57.

Consulta. 22^d. April.

Consulta. 29th. April.

31. In the treasure by the Princess Royal was a quantity of new pillar Dollars which the Minters refused affirming them to be of a baser alloy than usual, accordingly we had about fifteen Chests of them picked out and of three and twenty dollars taken promiscuously out of the whole & assay'd, our Assay Master found seventeen of them to be no better than Mixico. We have therefore sent them down uncoined to Bengal & have divided the Assays abovementioned and sent half on each of these ships.

Consult. 5th. Aug^t.

32. We have sent home on the Prince Augustus some great gunns received from Vizagapatam some broken Fire Arms and two pair of Balescrews from Fort S^t. David all which are intirely useless. In the Packet is a Bill of Lading for them.

Consultn. 15th. June. Consultn. 8 July.

33. We have sent the fifty Bales of Blue Cloth on the St. Juan to Manilla and hope they will answer your expectations in the sale But as the trade to that Port is what we never dare avow and is always carried on under borrowed names We thought it necessary to use all Possible precaution to avoid Suspicion of their belonging to Your Honours and accordingly we have shifted the package & sent them as Armenian Goods & consigned to Armenian Supra Cargoes there.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

10th. 9th. Novr. 15th. 29 Janry.

34. We cannot sufficiently express the satisfaction we find in reading Your Honours approval of our endeavours for the encrease of the Investment on this coast. After the accounts we have given you the two last seasons of the several steps taken for that end We need add nothing more to convince Your Honrs. This Article is the principal point We have in view and the great object of our thoughts and attention. We sent your Honours last season four thousand and eighty seven Bales of Coast Goods and are in hopes to be able to send you at least as many this; which will

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show you We are still successful in this particular. But we are Sorry we cannot Answer Your Honrs. Expectations with regard to a reduction in the pric[es] the reasons we gave you last year at large why the cost of the Cloth provided in these parts of the Country could not be lessened, will we fear always hold, and we dare not flatter you with hopes of getting it cheaper, if so cheap as at present, unless the

23d. 25th.

French should by reason of the War be disappointed of their Supplies of money. For however advantagious the favour of the Nabob is to us in the Country's about us, yet as a very great part of our Investment is provided in Countries so very distant from us It is not to be thought but that ready money and large prices will always find goods and have the preference. We mentioned last Season the great advance in the ground rents for some time past. The Nabob has this year again raised them upwards of thirty five ℔ Cent more than the last, which together with a want of rain has occasioned many of the renters to leave the Country and the Lands lye uncultivated insomuch that we labour under a most terrible Dearth. The price of Rice at Arcot is now a pagoda for a Mercal & what little Paddy is sold here now is at no more than eight mercals for a pagoda. This alone will convince your Honours that no abatement can be hoped for at least for some time. In the Packets we send a sketch of the different prices of grain for twenty years past from which your Honours will be able to form some idea of the different prices of all other things whether for the conveniencies or the necessities of Life.

35. With regard to the Loans made to the several Merchants Our set have by contract thirty five thousand pagodas and we are well assured they have sufficient wherewith to make it good Those at Fort St. David have twenty one thousand pagodas the Ballance of which they last year paid in and that sum was again advanced them on signing this years contracts Andiapa never has above five to ten thousand pagodas before hand which is also very safe and we do assure Your Honours all possible care is taken that the sd. Loans be duely employ'd in the uses for which they are made. The above sums with the value of two hundred Bales more than the Eyles' Cargo deducted from one hundred and seventeen thousand pagodas leaves about thirty five thousand at the three Northern Settlements under Care of the Several Chiefs to which amount we sent them in the Latter part of that year and from this Accôt we hope your Honours will be under no apprehensions of Loss by the said Advances.

19th. Lettrs. recd. N°. 32, 43, 44, 49, 51, 53, 59, 60. Consulta. 13th. March. 8 April 29th. D°. 8 May. Letters sent N°. 26, 48, 50, 60, 62.

36. We have great hopes of a pritty good Investment at Fort St. David but your Honours will observe we have been obliged to allow very large prices for the Several species of Goods contracted for there. Those Merchants who reside in our bounds are not permitted to Supply Foreign Nations with goods proper for the Europe Markets. But we cannot prevent such branches of their Families as are Settled in the several Factories on this Coa[st] from Contracting with those among whom they dwell, as the Persons residing with us do for your Honours, especially in a Country where we are not the Masters. It is true when the French brought little or no money into the Country we had pretty much the command of it, and

could then tell a Black Merchant he should not serve us if his family served other nations but the case is now vastly alter'd and the demand for Cloth is so great from all sides that it is a great thing if we are able to provide it at any rate or on any terms.

37. The large Investments made of late at the Northern Settlements have proceeded from the great encouragement we have given y^m^. and shall to the Utmost of our power continue. But with regard to the cheapness of their Cloth your Honours will see the reason thereof in what we have already told you under this head about the dearness of grain. Especially considering the large Expence of bringing it from the Countries about those Factories; and that the Customs on grain this year imported from those parts amount already to upwards of nine thousand five hundred pagodas, since then it is from hence apparent, that the price of Provisions there must be so considerably less than with us. It is equally plain that the price of labour must be in proportion and consequently the Cloth purchased at cheaper Rates. 17th.

38. In answer to what your Hon^rs^. remark of our not Supplying them with Cash so fast as they desired it we beg leave to refer to our Letters to Vizagapatam by the Nassau on which Ship we sent them the full amount of their whole Demand. It was not till some time after that they saw a probability of laying out a larger sum which we Supplied them with overland (the Northerly winds preventing our doing it by Sea) as soon as the ceasing of the troubles in the country made it safe to send it. Lett^r^. sent anno 1732 N^o^. 39.

39. We are glad your Honours approve of the leave given to build a godown at Ingeram. Our late Letters from thence press us very much for leave to build a House likewise for the Resident. We formerly order'd an Estimate of the charge thereof and a plan to be sent us, when it comes we shall allow nothing more than we find really necessary; and that we doubt not your Honours will approve. 18th.

40. What Cloth M^r^. Graham provided at Maddepollam almost all of it came out of the Ingeram Country and therefore as we found it was a needless expence to continue him there we sent him down to gather in his Ball^es^. in the Beginning of the Year and on his succeeding M^r^. Sanderson at Ingeram have order'd all the moveables away from thence and shall not send another Resident down thither. 22. Consult^a^. 22d. April. Lett^r^. sent No. 69. 11th. 12 9 Nover.

41. There are no orders in the list of Investment for providing Pepper, Turmerick or Cowries and We have none on hand. If in future your Honours should Direct our sending any We shall observe to have them shot loose in the hold. The Deputy Governour & C^o^. of Bencoolen sent Y^r^. Hon^rs^. last year upwards of fifty Tons over freight by the Ship then dispatched, and we apprehend they design to fill the Lyell let her take in never so much more than she lets for. Be pleased to let us know, If we shall direct them to send us in future such over tonnage to be sent at half freight on y^r^. ships from hence; and whether If any of the Maldivie vessels should bring Cowries hither which could be brought as cheap as those you receive from Bengal we shall purchase any on y^r^. Account.

42. We shall send annually a Calculate of the Quick stock remaining on hand by the two last Ships dispatched, which was till now only order'd to be sent on the last. 42d. 29 Janry.

43. We gave Your Honours the reasons last year why we did not send any Betill[as] home which still subsist. Our merchants refusing to provide any of the yard wide Moores for shirts cheaper or better than those which we last year refused we have agreed with another Person and hope we shall be able to send them in January, till when we shall not have any [of] the Photaes ready. 43d. Consult^a^. 8th. July.

44. When we came to take into consideration the Letter sent your Honours from Fort S^t^. David by the Normanton, We immediately foresaw the ill consequence of contracting with their Merchants to take the cloth as it arise instead of according to the Numbers a thing which at y^r^. Presidents first arrival we were obliged to Submit to here in order to get any Cloth at all in this part of the Country; but which having found the inconveniency of, we shall as soon as possible remedy We therefore forbad the Deputy Governour & Councill to continue it accordingly in their present Contracts they have again agreed by numbers. Letter. recd. N^o^. 26 [31] 32. 36. Consult^a^. 13th. March. Letter. sent No. 48.

24. 45. By the great encouragement given last year for all Sorts of people to come to Fort S^{t}. David We hope they will be supplied with Washers sufficient for their Business, at least when the present Scarcity is over. But we are at a Loss to know what employment to find for y^{m}. in the bounds when there is not cloth to wash but what must be expensive to your Honours and which we apprehend you would not approve.

46. We observe in the List of Investm^{ts}. this year Y^{r}. Honours have demanded ten thousand pieces of blue Cloth. We are therefore in hopes you will excuse the omission we made y^{e}. last in not acquainting y^{r}. Honours of the reasons of our exceeding so much in that article then; which were that a part of it was what should have gone upon the Eyles, the rest we were obliged to permit the Fort S^{t}. David Merchants to bring in as an equivalent for their Performances in other articles.

47. We told your Honours last year that having searched Precedents with regard to y^{e}. damaged goods by the George we found it had been settled, that by the Custom of India nothing was allow'd on that Account. For the same reason & many more in the Consultation held on occas^{n}. of the Maddepollam cloth damaged on board the Mary we passed to account of Profit and Loss the Amount thereof being much the same as the damage of the beforementioned goods sent on the George to Bencoolen came to.

Consult^{a}. 25th. Mar:

Fourth touching the trade of India in general & therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

48. It is some concern to us that we are obliged to begin this head with the usual Complaint of the badness of trade our Manilla Ship almost the only voyage left that we could depend upon a Profit from has left all her Cargo behind. We have however this year resolved to make another Push and are now sending a Ship to Persia and another to Mocha besides one to Manilla to fetch back the old Stock. But the prodigious Import of China Goods from Maccao has prevented sending any ship to China.

25th. 29 Janry. 49. The Account we gave your Honours last year of our Proceedings with regard to the Ulrica Eleonora & the Europa will have shown Y^{r}. Honours the first Visit Imaum Sahib made your President which proved the foundation of the interest he hath Since made by his means with the Governm^{t}. was of great advantage to your Affairs.

26th. 50. By our last years advices y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will have had full Accounts of all our proceedings in regard to the Wyndham and we hope they will meet your approbation.

27th. 51. We acknowledge Your Honours great kindness in the indulgence granted to our Manilla trade & as we have hitherto had the pleasure to find our conduct in the management of Y^{r}. Affairs entrusted to us hath been agreable to you we hope we need not add any further Assurances to convince you that this or any other favour you shall please to confer upon us shall not be abused.

29th. 52. As we are sensible the carrying Goods on freight for Y^{r}. Rivals in the trade of India must be very prejudicial to your Interest. We always discouraged it to the utmost of our Power But as the Lending money to the French or other Nations whereby they have been enable to send ships of their own is equally prejudicial we came to some resolutions thereupon last year of which we then informed your Honours We have since advised the Gentlemen of Bengal thereof but have not yet heard if they have done any thing [of the] same kind there.

Lettr^{s}. sent N^{o}. 49.

[3]0th. 53. In order to prevent any further complaint of our Grain vessels being stop'd by the Dutch at Palliacat We have given Passes to as many as deserved them which we hope the Chief & Council there will have regard to.

31st. 54. We observe the ship that the French Supplied with Goods at Goa got safe to Europe but hope the ill success of the Ulrica will prevent any further attempts of that kind on this Coast.

55. We purchased as much rice & paddy in the beginning of the year as was Sufficient for the Garrison, Washers & other necessary Servᵗˢ. which they have also done at Fort Sᵗ. David we design'd to have bôt in a further quantity to keep in store in order to prevent Engrossers making an immoderate Gain by the necessaties of the Poor but it rise so fast upon us that we could not compleat the Purchase. Consulta. 25 March.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS & REVENUES.

56. The repairs which we gave Mʳ. Davis and Council leave to set about in the year 1732 were deferr'd till yᵉ. next season, & were then for some cause or other we judge his ill state of health again put off We have therefore now directed the present chief Mʳ. Sanderson to go about them and we believe they will be Substantially & frugally perform'd We have already mention'd that we expect a plan for a [House] to be sent us from Ingeram. In these nor in [any] other article we will not suffer any Extravagan[c]e or unnecessary expence whether it be here or at any of our Subordinates. 32. Lettʳ. sent No. 92.

57. The several Repairs mentioned in the report of our Committee taken notice of by yʳ. Honours have been compleated and We send an Accôt of them in the Packet. The not doing them at first when the Expence was so much smaller was undoubtedly a great fault We will now be carefull to keep every thing in good repair being sensible a much less expence will keep them from decay than put them in order when decayed We entertained a Surveyer of the Buildings on this occasion who is again discharged. 38th. Consulta. 6 March.

58. As we think thirteen Sargeants and thirteen Corporals as few as Possible to do the Duty of the Garrison in a regular manner we shall agreable to the permission now given us bring them to that Number. 33d.

59. The Renters of the Fort Sᵗ. David bounds have by gradual encroachments enlarged the priviledges granted them by their Cowle to the oppression of the Poor by collecting Juncan on the smaller necessaries of Life. When we made the regulations there the last season we did not come to any resolutions on this Article but having since applied our thoughts thereto we have thought it necessary to strike off from that Cowle all Juncan dut[ies] whatever knowing well that if it be allow'd [in some] Particulars it may with ease be [extended] to many more and that Farm is now let on the new termes at the same rate as formerly. The measuring duty at a small advance. 34th. 46th. Consulta. 8 April. Lettʳ. sent No. 50. Lettʳ. recd. No. 70. Lettʳ. recd. No. 61.

60. We have relet the Fishing Farm the only Cowle which has fallen in this year at the old rate, and having found cause to believe we were imposed upon by the old Ruby Broker we resolved to take that employ from him But as the nature of that Revenue is such that we must necessarily depend on the Blacks for the collecting of it we Judge'd it most for your advantage to let it at a rate certain which we have accordingly done for one hundred & fifty Pagodas ℔ Ann. more than it has produced in a medium of eight years. Consulta. 22d. April. Consulta. 6 May 10 June.

61. We have examined the Calculation made by your Accomptᵗ. on the coining of Rupees here & Assays made of our Rupee in which We find he has made some mistakes. The first is in yᵉ. Calculation of the produce of the sixty Chests of silver mentien'd by him which he supposes to be standard Silver whereas forty two Chests of that parcel were Mexico Silver wᶜʰ. being 2 dwᵗˢ. worse makes a deduction of three thousᵈ. three hundred twenty one rupees and three quarters from the ten thousand nine hundred & eleven rupees and seven eights which he makes to be deficient A second Error is that he calculates the Coinage at one & half ℔ Cent instead of two ℔ Cent which the Minters were then allowed this makes a[further] reduction of [two] thousand Six [Hundred and fifty R]upees & half 37th. Consult. 20th. Augt.

The Account then stands thus—

Deficient by y^e. Accompt^t. Calculation		10911	14 —
ded^t. 2 dw^ts. on 42 Ch^ts. Mex^o. Silver is... ...	R^s. 3321	12 —	
d^o. ½ ℔ Cent on Coining sh^t. allowed	2650	8 —	
		5982	4 — [*sic*]
	Remains R^s.	4929	10 —

four thousand nine hundred twenty nine Rupees ten Anas which Sum is allow'd for the charge of refining one hundred Sixty nine thousand and thirty eight Ounces thirteen penny weights of y^e. s^d. Silver which is as Y^r. Accomptant reckons about one & one fifth ℔ Cent. That the two Sums above ought to be deducted appears from the s^d. Calculat^n. Sixty Chests of silver being estimated to loose R^s. 10911. 14. — at 1½ ℔ Cent Coinage; Fifty Chests at the same rate, but with the allowance of 2 dw^ts. to loose only 7274. 6. — and Forty Chests with y^e. ^sd. allowance of 2 dw^ts. at 2 ℔ Cent for the Coinage only 4065. 11. 8 That the allowance of one & one fifth ℔ Cent for refining is not Extravagant. Our Assaymaster has assured us & gives for reason That silver wasts at least a half ℔ Cent in refining and that when allowance is made for the Expence of Lead, Fire wood, Charcoal, labour &c^t. there will remain but a very small Gain to the refiner. This is the fullest & plainest account we can give Y^r. Hon^rs. of this Matter to which we shall only add That ever since the year 170[2] when the first Silver was [coin'd] in our Mint there has been the same [rate of] Calculation used for reducing silver [to y^e. same fineness] as is now.

62. Another mistake in the s^d. papers is where it is said that the rupees rec̄d of private persons for coinage are brôt to your Credit at three and a half rupees ℔ Pagoda which is a Loss to you Whereas by inspecting the mint Account it will appear those rupees are received in specie & so deliverd into the Warehouse & the General books will Shew that they are sent in Specie to Bengal or Vizagapatam so that there can be no real Loss or gain arise from the rate they are calculated at to bring them into our books.

Consulta. 5^th. Aug^t.

63. We have not put your Order in execution this Season for reducing the Coinage to one & half ℔ Cent because it did not reach us till the Latter end of July after we had enter'd into an Agreement with Tomby Chitty and some other Persons to be security for the payment of the produce of what Silver we should this year coin on Your Honours Accôt and for clearing of the ballances by the end of the year, which agreement we thought necessary to make on account of the great difficulty we always found in recovering those ballances from the Minters which is now avoided. When we called them before us & proposed this Reduction to them They told us they had already Contracted with their workmen and allowed them wages in proportion to the Custom they were to receive and that it was impossible to bring the[m to o]ther terms this Season but that they [would endeavour] it wh[en] they had finished what was now in hand. To this we were obliged to acquiesce on accôt of the late Season of the year and the long delay it would occasion if we insisted thereon at present besides that probably it would be without Success.

Consultn. 10^th June.

19 9 Nov^r.

64. We shall Charge the Customs and Consulage on Coral as directed & grant bills for the produce if desired.

44 29 Nov^r.

65. The Horses bought for your Accôt we assure your Honours were at the cheapest rates Those which were sold being quite worn out & useless it is not to be wonder'd at that they should produce but Little. The same has been the case at Fort S^t. David this year where we have allow'd the purchase of six new ones in the room of so many dead or grown incapable of any longer Service.

Lett^r. sent No. 71.

66. The Widow Burton (to whom and her children we paid a monthly allowance of twenty five Pagodas) being Dead and one of her Daughters married we have reduced the allowance for the other to ten Pagodas ℔ Month whereby there is a saving of one hundred & eighty Pagodas ℔ Annum in that Article. Consulta. 25th. June.

67. When Mr. Davis left us this year to return to Vizagapatam we recommended to his Serious Consideration the state of the Revenues of that Place and directed him to explain [much more] fully than has been done hitherto the [dire necessity] of the several Guards kept up there and whether any saving or advance might be obtained in any of these articles & Since his Death we have again recommended the same to his Successor but he has been there so short a time that we have as yet received no Answer thereto. Lettr. sent No. 43. Lettr. sent No. 73.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITORS OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

68. We have received from Mr. Wynch thirteen pagodas thirty two fanams the difference between 125 and 111. 4. according to yr orders. When he came out We were directed to recover the sum of Fifty pounds due from him out of his Salary and Gratuity which being Fifty Pounds for half a year & cast up at nine Shillings for a Pagoda we did not apprehend it was to be paid any otherwise than as he received it & therefore stopped the exact sum which was due for Salary and Gratuity. This gives us an opportunity to represent to yr. Honours the case of yr. Servants on this Coast with regard to this Article. It is now some years since yr. Honours were pleas'd to direct the rate of Exchange to be reduced to eight Shillings at which rate there are very few of us who have not been obliged to make remittances in yr. Cash for purchase of such things as you are pleased to all [ow to be] sent us on yr. ships thô we have all [of us been receiving [s]alaries at [the] rate of nine Shillings. We cannot believe your Honours design this shall be the only article in yr. books remaining at that Exchange & since you have order'd the amount of all goods received from England as well as the Bills of Exchange to be reduced at eight Shillings we are apt to think it [has] sliped yr. notice or else we are assured Yr. Honours are too good to make this only exception so apparently to our Loss. We have not however presumed to make any alteration herein till you shall be pleased to give us leave. 40th. 29 Janry. Consulta. 12th. Augt.

69. The reason of our Sending our Consultations by piece meal of late has been the dispatching two ships frequently together as particularly ye. Derby & Duke of Cumberland this time two years. Had we kept back one set to go for the year one of those ships must have gone without any contrary to another order from your Honours that every ship shall carry the Consultations &ca. to the time of her departure. We now send a set on each ship and having a supply of hands this year we shall send one in January for the whole year. Yr. Honours will observe we now note the reading of every consultation at the beginning of the next. 41st.

70. Mr. Robert Allen shall be sta[tioned] agreable to your Orders In January we [will acquaint] yr. Honours in what manner he makes return to you for this favour. 45th.

71. We have already often assured Yr. Honours that we would encourage Diligence in Yr. Servants, & advance such most who merited the best The deaths & removes last year made room for Mr. Rous at our board without encreasing the number beyond what is usual. He desires to return his thanks to Yr. Honours for this fresh mark of yr. favr. to him. Messrs. Day, Fytche & Denny are arrived from England and as Messrs. Oaker and Edwd. Benyon are Dead we shall venture to keep Mr. Wodnoth with us instead of sending him to Bencoolen. 50th. 55d. 71st. 52d.

72. Mr. Edward Harris has been a Considerable time at Fort St. David & should have been recalled long ago if he had desired it but thô your directions about him have been here so long he hath not hitherto applied to us and we therefore Suppose he chuses to continue where he is. [If] not he shall come up when ever he makes a request for it. Mr. Holland was made a Lieutenant on the Death of Mr. Orrill & we have given an [Ensigns] Commission to Mr. [*lacuna*] Faillet in his room. 72d. 67th. 73d.

62d. 63d. 73. We have never heard of John Geo[rge] Stephani, William Bridgen shall be discharged if he desires it & pays the sixteen pounds he cost your Honours when he came over.

54 74. We have not for many years admitted any persons [to Cove]nants except those expressly ordered by [yr. Honours]. Mr. Casamajor this year whose indentures we now return executed in the Packet by the Prince Augustus Mr. Green is dead. We had occasion a few days since to demand of Mr. Naish what security he had given for Performance of Covenants to which he answer'd that when he took them up there was none demandd. of him.

55 Consulta. 26th. Augt. 75. Our Gunner has entered into bonds to serve five years in that employ whenever we have occasion to make a new one we shall observe he doth the same.

Consulta. 29th. May. 76. Mr. Davis late Chief & Mr. Dockwra third of Vizagapatam we are sorry to tell Yr. Honrs. are both dead. Mr. Simpson second there was by permission from us come up hither some time before so that there remained only Mr. Jos: Goddard at Vizagapatam. We therefore immediately appointed Mr. Sanderson, whose services at Ingeram have been so agreable to Yr. Honours, Chief of Vizagapatam and sent Mr. Graham (whom we also made Second of Vizagapatam) to Ingeram in his Stead. Mr. Samuel Harrison is third of Co. at Vizagapatam and We have agreable to yr. Consultn. 5th. Augt. Directions last year for having two Company's Servts. at Ingeram order'd Mr. Joseph Goddard to assist Mr. Graham.

77. There have been no alterations among yr. Covenant servants except the recalling [of Mr. Edw]ard Fowke from Fort St. David and sending [Mr. Chas. Floyer down] thither in his room And that Mr. Weston our Assay Master having been for these twelve months past afflicted with a distemper that hath taken away the use of his limbs is obliged to go home on the Royal Guardian. We have found him perfectly well qualifyed for his employ & are therefore very sorry he must leaves [*sic*] us. His going is out of pure necessaty and we therefore (at his request) desire Yr. Honours will not esteem it to be a laying down Yr. Service if he should recover and be able to come abroad again. He has for some months past been instructing Consulta. 5 Augt. Mr. Johnson in making Assays & we have appointed him to supply Mr. Westons place.

78. Capt. John Powney an old Inhabitant here is also obliged to go to England for his Health. He hath also desired us to tell Yr. Honours his going is only on that accot and that he hopes you will not look upon it as leaving the Place but will give him leave to return as soon as his Health will admit of it.

57th. 79. With regard to the allowance to Yr. President for his table He assures Yr. Honours thô he has always kept it within those bounds which decency required of a Person in his station, yet he could never bring the expence of it within the Compass of the allowance recd. from you on that account when at the largest, and that an addition of five Company's servants this year will make it fall yet [more shorter]. We cannot therefore see how [to secure an addition] that shall be esteem'd equitable between your Honours & him whereby you can be any ways gainers. This allowance for diet was by an express order from Yr. Honours settled at seven thousand Pagodas ℔ Ann in the year 1722 in the room of the General Table which cost you above thirtn. thousand Pagodas ℔ Annum. Yr. Honours will therefore easily conclude that sum could not be equal to the expence. However as the then President and Council were obliged to follow the directions they had received they settled an allowance of ten Pagodas ℔ Month to the Council and eight to the under servants and since yr. Honours fixed y[e.] Charge at seven-thousand the President was obliged to accept of the remainder thô short of the expence he must necessarily be at since that time the Price of all manner of Provisions is raised to almost double what it then was & therefore if the allowances were then so small yr. Honours will easily conclude both Yr. President and other Servants must be at considerable expence on this Accôt themselves.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

80. We shall observe to add the batty on the Rupees coined here for Bengal in settling our Accounts with that Presidency. But as the value of silver is generally from fourteen to fif[teen] [Doll]ars for ten pagodas We think the [*a few words lost*] & fifty current Rupees for one hundred pagodas. [*A few words lost*] them into Pagodas will be as nea[r *a few words lost*] truth as three hundred and thirty and therefore shall for the Present continue it at that rate till further Orders. 49th. 29th. Janry.

81. We have given orders to our Accomptant and Storekeeper to bring their Accounts into the method directed and at the prescribed rate of Exchange and we shall for the future send annually some of the rupees and Pagodas coined in our mint to yr. Honours and shall keep some of every parcel so sent here also. 40 68 Consults 1[2th] Augt. 69.

82. We have drawn ye. following bil[ls] of Exchange on ye. usual terms ten of them in r[e]turn for Coral The others either agreable to orde[rs] received from you or for the expence of some of our Inhabitants or their Children which we the[re]fore pray Your acceptance of. They are as follow—

	£			P		
1st. 2d. 3d. to Moses Franco & Brothers...	143	4	5	358	1	78
to Judah Supino & Son ...	187	5	1½	468	5	64
to Do. ...	146	15	9	366	34	6[6]
to Abrahm. Fernands. Nunes Isaac Son	366	12	5	916	19	6[8]
4 sets dated 3d. Inst. value of Rll. Fowke.						
1st. 2d. 3d. to Philip Mendes da Costa dated 12th. value of Randall Fowke	367	10	11	918	31	10
1st. 2d. 3d. to Jno. Turner or order ...	10000	—	—	25000	—	—
to Jno. Turner & John Lauder.	8383	15	1¼	20959	14	—
to Judah Supino & Son ...	231	7	4	578	15	—
to Edward Jasper or order ...	289	13	4	724	6	—
to Abraham Portello ...	521	12	—	1304	—	—
5 sets dated 15th. Inst. of N. Turner						
1st. 2d. 3d. dated ye. 20th. to Philip Mendes da Costa value of Randll. Fowke	389	12	11	974	4	[10]
1st. 2d. 3d. dated ye. 20th. to Jno. Powney value of himself	[40]00	—	—	10000	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. dated ye. 24th. to Mrs. Grace Le[gg] & Thos. Hall Esqr. [value of] Richd. Benyo[n Esqr.]	[4000]	—	—	10000	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. To Thomas Weston value of himself	440	—	—	1100	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. To Judah Supino & Son value of Randal Fowke	377	15	3	944	14	50
Two sets dated the 25th. Instt.						
1st. 2d. 3d. To John Freeman Esqr. value of Thos. Cooke dated 28th. Inst.	200	—	—	500	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. to Charles & Edmd. Boehm value of Catharine Cons[ett] dated 31st. Instt.	40	—	—	100	—	—

SUPPLEMENT.

David Williams who was tryed in December last for a murther Comitted at Bencoolen and was found guilty only of Manslaughter has been a Considerable time in Prison again for threatning the life of one of our Officers and we take this first Opportunity of sending him away by the Prince Augustus.

By the Calculate of Tonnage on board the Prince Augustus Y^r^. Honours will observe she wants twenty five tonns if the requested salt petre be not included the fine part of the Eyles's Corgo being put on Board the last years Ships and only the Courser sorts such as Gurrahs, Photaes & Shellaik on this ship is the occasion thereof as we apprehend we would have sent more bales but the Cap^t^. assured us he could not take them in.

As Sugar, Arrack & Rice are excessive dear here and that the Prince Augustus [has orders] to go home in C^o^. with the Dutch [*fleet . . .*] at S^t^. Helena is very pre[carious] we have not put any Goods on board for that Place.

The amount of the Invoice by this ship is one hundred twenty seven thousand two Hundred thirty two pagodas twenty eight fanams & seventy Six. Cash 127232. 28. 76 Garnets licensed by her two hundred and fifty Pagodas 250. Cap^t^. Hoadly has registred nothing here but Cap^t^. Goslyns Register amounts to [*lacuna*].

We wish this Ship Safe Home to your Honours and are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE — HONOURABLE

AUGUST 31^ST^. 1734. — Y^r^. faithfull humble Servants.

P. S.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE SEP^r^. 2^D^. 1734.

Y^r^. Merchants did this day in Consultation [pay] thirteen thousand & Six Hundred seventy six Pagodas twenty six fanams in full of their first bond wee say of the principal of their first bond for Broad Cloth.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN F. GOSTLYN, DATED [?].

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11 pp. 39–40*].

To — VENTO DA CUNHA S[ERRA]

CAP^T^. FRANCIS GOSTLYN
COMMANDER OF THE PRINCE AUGUSTUS.

S^R^.

Having put on board your Ship as much Goods as you can take in we now Direct you to repair on board & with y^e^. first Opportunity of wind & Weather to set sail for the Port of London in Great Brittain. The first Port you arrive at in England you are to send your Purser over land with the Packet herewith delivered you M[ark^d^.] A directed to the Honble Court of Directors for Affairs of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street London taking care to write to them yourself likewise to give them an Acc^t^. of any thing remarkable that you may meet with in the Voyage.

Cap^t^. Henry Hoadley in the Royal Guardian sails in C^o^. with you Our Honble Masters have given Orders to our Presid^t^. and M^r^. Benyon to inform him & you of the signals which they have thought (upon occasion of the Present troubled state of Europe) fit should be given to all their Ships homeward bound we have therefore no directions to give you on that Subject but as there is great reason to apprehend there may be a War in Europe before you get home we therefore positively order you not to speak with any Ship at sea which you can Possibly avoid least they prove Enemies we also Order you to call in at the Cape & if you have advises there of a War you are to proceed in Comp^a^. with the Dutch fleet if you meet with them there or get in before it arrives but if the s^d^. Fleet is sailed you must make the best of your way to S^t^. Helena where you will Doubtless have directions from our Hon'ble Masters how to proceed for the remainder of y^r^. Voyage. When you are going in to S^t^. Helena you must observe to anchor before you come open with Chappel Valley

near Munden's Point and to send your boat[s ashore] to give the Gov^{r}. there an account who you are he havin[g orders] to fire at all ships which do not observe [these] direction[s. You must] also deliver y^{e}. Goods you have on board [for] the Island to the Order of y^{e}. D. Gov^{r}. and Council with our Pac[ket] for them.

If you fall in with any of our Honble Masters homewd bound ships either at the Cape or S^{t}. Helena you must strictly observe to keep Company with them unless by so doing you should be obliged to break thro' any of the Proceeding directions given you.

As you touch at the Cape It will be acceptable to y^{e}. Gov^{r}. and Council of S^{t}. Helena if you will carry them a supply of Seeds Plants &c^{t}.

We think it is needless to repeat to you our Orders not to come near any Ship at Sea least they should be enemies & therefore only add that we wish you a good Voyage and date this [*lacuna*].

LETTER TO CAPTAIN H. HOADLEY, DATED [?]

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11, p. 40*].

To Cap^{N}. Henry Hoadley
Comm^{R}. of y^{E}. Royal Guardian.

S^{R}.

You having given us notice your d[e]sign'd to sail the beginning of September we have this day deliver['d] Cap^{t}. Francis Gostlyn in the Prince Augustus his Dispatches [in] order that he may go in Company with you, we now also delive[r] you a Packet directed to the Honble Court of Directors for affairs of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies which we desire you will on y^{r}. arrival in any Port of Great Britain send up to them by your Purser.

Our President and M^{r}. Benyon have this year received f[rom] the Secret Committee of y^{e}. East India Company certain sign[als] which are to communicate to y^{e}. Commander of all ships that [go] home from hence. They inform us they have accordingly giv[en] them to you, we have therefore nothing to add on that subject but our advice to you to Call at the Cape for news. We have by direct[ion] of our Honble Masters given Cap^{t}. Gostlyn possitive Orders if h[e] meets y^{e}. Dutch fleet there or that it be soon expected & there is certain advice of a War to go home in C^{o}. with them but if they are sailed then to proceed to S^{t}. Helena as you are not under our Dispatch we can only tell you we apprehend the Honble Company w[ill] expect that you proceed in the same manner.

We suppose you have already had y^{e}. usual instruction[s] relating to going in to S^{t}. Helena keep[ing] Company with such Ships belongs to our Honble Masters [as you may] meet with [on] your Passage hence & avoiding speak[ing with any] ship you [*lacuna*].

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 22, 1735.

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11, pp. 41–83*].

To the Honourable the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Honourable United Comp^{y}. of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Honourable

1. Our last advices to your Hon^{rs}. were by the Prince Augustus & Royal Guardian dated the 31st. August with a Postscript of the 2^{d}. Sept^{r}. Those ships were dispatched the same day & sail'd the 5th. We then answer'd most of the Paragraphs of the Letters we receiv'd from your Hon^{rs}. this Year & gave an Account of

our proceedings since the Departure of the Normanton, such Articles in your Letters or Occurrences in the Management of your Affairs here as we then entirely omitted or only cursorily mention'd we shall now endeavour to give you a satisfactory Account of under the usual heads.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURNED

2. By a Letter lately rec^{d}. from Batavia we hear the Grafton arrived there the 16 May but cant learn whether the Harrison was in Company with her. The Wilmington & Middlesex are arriv'd at Bombay the former the 21st. the other the 23^{d}. Sept^{r}. but by Letters of the 22^{d}. Nov^{ber}. from Surat they had not then heard of the King William The Heathcote from Bengal for Bombay with Saltpetre & Redwood sail'd the [*lacuna*].

3. We have as yet no news of the Lyell further than that a Vessell lately come from Atcheen brings advice of a report there that she had been at Batavia. The Madrass Galley left Bencoolen the 10th. August at which time the Lyell was not arriv'd, & the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. & Council were in great Apprehensions least the Investment shou'd suffer by their want of money, which put us under a necessity to return that Vessel wth 5 Chests of Silver for a present supply, in case the Lyell shou'd not be arrived with them.

4. The Drake was design'd a Country Voyage from Bengal, but the Ockham being unfortunately burnt, she with the Hertford & Princess Royall will go home from the Bay. We have sent the George to take in her Loading at Fort S^{t}. David & if she can possibly be ready to go wth. the Mountague & Duke of Dorset now under dispatches they will call there to take her up & the 3 ships will sail in Company. If not the George shall be dispatched as soon as possible after them.

5. We are apprehensive they will hardly overtake the Dutch Fleet, but their late arrival from the Bay is the Cause of it. The two ships now here arriv'd from thence the 28th. Decemb^{r}. & the George who called at Vizagapatam not till the 4th. Instant. We have however order'd them to touch at the Cape, & they have y^{e}. necessary directions in case of a War in Europe. The Presid^{t}. & Council of Bengal write that y^{e}. [burn]ing of y^{e}. Oakum retarded the Dispatch of these ships.

6. Upon Occasion of the accident that happen'd to the Eyles we wrote the Presid^{t}. & Council of Bengal that thô they [sent] the Invoices to your Honours directly, we apprehended it wou'd be of service to Your Affairs to consign the Goods to us & gave them for reason that the Comand^{r}. of the Eyles refused to deliver the Cargo into our hands, because he had sign'd Bills of Lading for the delivery of it in England, In answer to this they tell us in short that they consign the Cargoes in the manner your Honours have order'd. We hope no such accident will happen again, but we shall be glad of directions hereupon in future, because we cannot but think it wou'd have been for y^{r}. Interest to have had the rich part of her Cargo at least sent you on the very first Ship, which we were incapacitated from doing by y^{e}. above mention'd method of consigning it.

7. The George belonging to your Honours has brôt the Timbers &c^{t}. that we sent her to Pegue for & is now hourly expected from Vizagapatam. As soon as these ships are gone we shall return her to Bencoolen with a further supply of Silver least the Lyell shou'd have miscarried.

8. The apprehensions of which has engaged our thoughts how to relieve that Settlement & preserve the Investment in case of such an accident for which purpose we have wrote to Bengal for a supply of salt Petre that we may be enabled to Kintlage one of the expected ships & send thither for y^{e}. last years Crop of Pepper, if on our next advices from thence we shou'd find it necessary.

9. And as we observe the annual Produce of the Country is more than the Chartyparty Tonnage of any one of the ships, we have order'd the Galley to bring a Loading of Pepper over here if they can spare it, which we shall send at half Freight on the ships we dispatch from hence.

10. We have bought a small Vessel about 25 Tons for the service of the West Coast which shall be sent thither with the George, she was sent to Fort S^{t}. David & carried into the river to avoid the Monsoon & is now coming up with a Lading of Bales.

11. The Duke of Dorset & Mountague have each taken in three hundred bags of salt petre here, for which a seperate bill of Lading comes in the Packet.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

12. We have already sent the Merchants Indent for Broad Cloth by these ships we forward our Acco^{t}. remains in the Ware-house & Store house together with our Indents for Wares & Stores wanted for the year 1736.

13. Agreable to our promise by the Prince Augustus we sold a thousand Candies of Lead at outcry which produced a small matter more than 11$\frac{1}{8}$ Pag^{ds}. ℔ Candy, which is less than of late, however as your Honours have often told us, it wou'd be an acceptable service to you if we cou'd encrease the consumption of the English manufactures, & that we apprehend while Goods produce any thing more than silver, you would chuse to send them, we have indented for 1500 Candies now & we propose with that quantity to be able to keep the supplying the Country in our hands.

14. We have sent on the Jane to Bengal, Freight free, the Copper we had in our warehouse, observing it sold better there than with us, which we hope your Honours will approve, you will observe by our Indent at what price you may expect a profit on that Commodity here.

15. We were greatly at a Loss, when the Galley return'd fro Bencoolen with advice that the Lyell was not arrived, for silver to send thither, we applied to the French & Danes to procure some but were disappointed, there was not a Dollar to be got in Town nor at any of the Country mints, however the necessity's of that Settlement were so urgent, that we at last agreed to take a part of the silver seiz'd at Porto-novo which thô Piller Dollars were yet better than none & we are apprehensive we must take some more of it to send thither by the George.

16. From hence it will appear we used our utmost endeavours to supply the Presid^{t}. & Council in the Bay, but they are so very urgent with us for early remittances that we have determin'd to purchase as far as our Cash will go, when any silver comes, to ease them of the Load of Interest they complain of & that we may be able to do this the more largely we have taken all the money that has offer'd for Bills.

17. On the new Ware-House-Keepers taking the Account of remains at Vizagapatam, there were found some few odd things spoil'd by length of time, which we have directed to be sold, & given orders thither that they annualy take a survey of their remains at closing their Books, & advise what is in danger of spoiling.

18. On the Duke of Dorset we have sent a parcel of Musquets & Locks for which a Bill of Lading comes in the Packet.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTM^{TS}.

19. The Invoices of these three [ships] with what the Prince Augustus carried in September compleats our Investment for this year, & is somewhat more than three thousand eight hundred Bales. The Death of M^{r}. Davis at Vizagapatam & the necessary removes thereon have greatly disappointed us with regard to the quantity we hoped for from the northern Settlements, but as every thing is now settled we are in hopes of as large an Investment as formerly. Andiapa at Porto-novo & the Fort S^{t}. David Merchants have been pretty industrious & we are thereby enabled to give the George an early dispatch, what Cloth we have had from thence has been we think tollerably good & we have no reason to apprehend what that Ship is to take in will prove worse.

20. Your Honours have but too much reason to observe the slender performances of our Merchants here; thô we cannot entirely excuse them yet there is a great weight in what they alledge with regard to the Famine & the difficulty they found

in getting the Cloth out of the Weavers hands after they had advanced the money for it. Rice in November last was at 240 Pag^{ds}. ℔ Garce, which thô a price never before heard of was yet much cheaper than in the Country.

21. By these two ships you will have a sample of our performances in the Soot Romals. There are more Sortments than we design'd, but it is the vice of the times & all our Care has been ineffectual to prevent it. The money for these goods was advanced directly into the Weavers hands, without which there is nothing to be done, & we were obliged to take what they brôt us. Altogether we think your Hon^{rs}. will be pleas'd with them, & if too large a Demand at first doth not hurry the Weavers into a bad sortment we hope it will be an improving article in our Investment.

22. Our Merchants have brôt in some few of the 40 & 50 Covid Betillees, but so intolerable bad we cou'd not think of receiving them. The Patterns of the Chints Moorees by these ships we hope will please For the other complaints which have been made for several years past of the badness of the Workmanship We must say the abatement M^{r}. Macrae made in the Price of the painting was not likely to mend them.

23. The Moorees of the common Sorts what few there are of them we must own are but very indifferent much inferiour to the old musters, but then indeed they do not cost so much. We do not know when these Sortments were first introduced, but we shou'd have thôt it wou'd have been more acceptable to your Honours to have kept up the old Musters thô we had advanced the Prices rather than to have run into a bad manufacture for an abatement. We will use our utmost endeavours to give better satisfaction in these sortments next year. The superfine Moorees yard wide for shirts we contracted for with another hand, & we recomend them as being a very even Sortment. If your Honours wou'd have them still finer the Price must be advanced. The Izzarees we are in daily expectation of from Ingerã & hope they will arrive in time to send them on one of these Ships.

24. As we have fail'd in several Articles of the finer Goods, so also in the Courser we do as yet fall short of complying with the whole quantity demanded; nor can we say there is an equal proportion observ'd in the several sortments. We beg your Hon^{rs}. to be perswaded we have done our best, & that it has not been in our power to be more exact.

25. By the Prince Augustus we advisd your Honours we had made a Contract at Fort S^{t}. David & then took notice of the large prices we had been obli[ged to a]llow, notwithstanding which we have since been necessitated to advance two Pagodas in a Corge for the blue Cloth on Acco^{t}. of the prodigious rise in the value of Indigo. We hope your Honours will think our reasons for this allowance substantial & good.

26. We have sent no goods to S^{t}. Helena by these ships, The Capt^{ns}. telling us they have their Charter Party Quantity from the Bay.

Fourthly, touching the trade of India in general, therein any transactions with the Country Governm^{t}.

27. We wrote your Hon^{rs}. last year by the Lethiullier all that we were able to do here in consequence of y^{r}. orders for entring into a union with the Presidency's of Bengal & Bombay for carrying on the Trade of India from one Port to another. The necessary attention which your other Affairs required upon the Dispatch of the Jan^{ry}. Ships depriv'd us of the opportunity to say much more by them. The General Letter from Bombay under the 17th. Jan^{ry}. & our reply thereto dated the 8th. of Nov^{r}. show your Hon^{rs}. the sentiments of that Presidency & ours upon this subject, whereby we flatter ourselves you will be convinced that we have no views, no designs which are inconsistent with the general Interst. The 10th. Jan^{ry}. last year having occasion to mention the Sweeds ships to the Gentlemen in Bengal we added in order to influence their resolutions to seize her if she escaped from us & return'd to the Bay, That if she shou'd make reprisals our share of the trade of India was so

very small that there was little likelyhood we shou'd suffer much from her. But they whose concerns were larger wou'd run a great risque. All that we said further to them upon the Trade of India is in the 3d. Paragph. of the same Letter. Their answer is dated the 9th. April, wherein they tell us, that as to our share in the trade of India being so very small it is our own faults if it is no more, & that since we decline it only because they can not entirely give into our proposals, they are not apprehensive your Honrs. will think any fault lies at their door. We must upon this occasion acquaint your Honrs. that thô we believe we shall hardly be induced to have any concerns with them till our proposals are agreed to & your orders complyed with yet we should not insist so much thereon cou'd we otherwise be upon any terms of security with them. And we beg leave for our justification to represent to you why we cannot be so. The Complaints of Bombay & this Presidency, that the Goods provided for the ships, by the Gentlemen in Bengal, have been greatly over invoiced, are of long standing; but however as constantly denied, as they have been charged wth. it. Was there no foundation for them we cannot but be of opinion they wou'd have met with very little difficulty in uniting their several Interests there without inforcing it by putting your orders in execution & then their Voyages wou'd always find Credit with us & Bombay, because in such general concerns where so many upon the spot are interested we shou'd have no reason to doubt but that sufficient care wou'd be taken, those who provided the Cargoes did it upon the best & cheapest terms & we might be very secure in relying upon their Bonâ Fide; but that immoderate profit which they are supposed to make by what they call the Difference betwee the Arrung & Calcutta prices is too favourite an Article among them to be easily relinquish'd, & they were well aware that must be the consequence; If they had declared their resolution to put your orders in execution as Bombay & we did. For otherwise as the same orders direct that the under Servants & Free Merchants shou'd have free liberty to be concern'd in such Voyages as were set on foot, it would have occasion'd a general remonstrance to them that wou'd have exposed to public view the secrets of their trade which howmuchsoever they had formerly denied they cou'd not well have persisted in, to those who were upon the spot & sufficiently acquainted with Instances to the contrary. Difficulties unsurmountable have been pretended thô they have been very cautious not to give an Instance of one of them, at least not to us, & your orders have been laid aside, & subjected to the popular cry of freedom of trade & no restraint, is the Watchword that so much clamour has been made about & great pains & industry has been made use of to inflame the minds of the people & to represent it in a manner that was never design'd or intended. We will not say the factions there have deterred us from ent'ring into any engagemts. wth. them, but we cannot think of it till we see a better agreement among them, the most general that we hear of is between the President & two more who did very kindly offer us to be concern'd a third part in such ships as belonged to them free of Comission, but tacked to the hard Condition of being concern'd in all such Voyages as they shou'd think fit to set on foot; We wou'd not willingly uncover the nakedness of our Bretheren, but the great Losses they have suffer'd are too well known to be any secret. Their Surat ships did for the most part return them far short of Principal. The French Judda ship has divided upwards of 40 ℔ Cent Profit, & thô ye. Shawallum, bound to the same Port, had the advantage of a great freight, arrived first there, & before the French ship got there, had sold most of her Cargo at higher prices, yet if it had pleased God she had arriv'd safe in Bengal, it was not computed she wou'd have divided above ten or twelve ℔ Cent. It wou'd be a reflection upon their prudence to suppose they wou'd run such monstrous risques for so poor a Profit as appears upon any of their Voyages, yet those only wou'd be all that we shou'd partake of, & therefore your Honours will not wonder that we have declin'd entring into any engagement with them, or submitting our Fortunes to be absolutely disposed of by them as they shou'd think fit. Thus have we giv'n you a state of this matter as it stands between us & the Gentlemen of Bengal; wth. whom did We not despair to have any better agreement, we shou'd be far from renewing our complaints of being entirely shut out of all trade there, while we have the Mortification of seeing the Armenians & Moors making very considerable profits under our Noses; We must therefore become humble

Suitors to your Hon^rs^. that we may have the liberty to send for our Goods out of the Country & to have the use of the Dusticks. A Liberty that we think wou'd not have been refused us had we been rightly understood before. We are far from an intention to send any Englishmen up to the Arrungs, but only desire, those we send as Supra Cargoes upon our ships may have the Benefit of your Protection at Calcutta, the Liberty of sending Gomastahs into the Country & of having a right to ask for a Dustick to clear the Goods as they come down. And as this is no more than what every Company's Servant nay every Armenian & Banyan in Calcutta enjoys, we hope your Honours will not think we ask anything unreasonable.

28. When we told your Hon^rs^. by the Prince Augustus we wou'd never abuse the Indulgence you have been pleased to grant to our Manilla & Mocha Trade in permitting us to take such Cloth to send to those Markets as should appear on examining to be unfit for your use, we cou'd not imagine we shou'd be under a necessity of preventing others from turning that Liberty you had granted us to your prejudice, for we cou'd by no means think since we our selves had for so many years avoided sending even that Cloth which wou'd not serve for Europe to those places least your Investm^t^. shou'd be thot to be affected thereby, that two or three private persons in the place wou'd attempt to fit out a ship for the latter of those ports to be loaden wholly w^th^. Cloth which was to be made purposely for her of an inferiour goodness to any sortment provided for you. But to our great surprize the Owners of the Bristoll Galley inter'd upon the Scheme. Your President, as soon as he got notice thereof sent to tell them in a private manner they must think no more of it; but not content with this intimation, they deliver'd us a petition, the Day the Prince Augustus was dispatched, in Council for leave to send their Ship to Mocha w^th^. a Freight of three hundred Bales almost all of it belonging to Armenians & Gentues & two hundred more for themselves all to be made purposely for the Voyage. Which Petition was by us rejected for the reasons you will find at large in our Consultations & was thereupon follow'd by a remonstrance w^ch^. if your Hon^rs^. have leizure to read you will find to what an height an education in the Mayors Court can carry your Servants & in what manner the Indulgence of Trade you give them is by some of them perverted to the prejudice of your Interest & the general good of the Place. The Complaints made against your Governours & Councils as Tyrants & Oppressors have hitherto been secretly insinuated under pretence that fear of an arbitrary treatment checked an open application to your Hon^rs^. for redress of their grievances. But the old Mask being of no service at present, it is thrown off & their licentious principles openly & indecently avow'd. How consistent such Practices & Behaviour is with the dignity of the Government by which your Interest in these parts must be supported, Your Hon^rs^. will please to judge, & we hope, apply a proper remedy too; It being impossible you can hereafter be again amused by what has too long imposed upon your goodness. Which this remonstrance vainly attempts to do, by ridi[culously] & [*sic*] well as arrogantly endeavouring to perswade that tho your Investment is at stake, no restriction ought to be put upon designs, which if not calculated on purpose, have yet a natural tendency to destroy it & the trade of the Settlement. When this remonstrance is stript of its irony & false insinuations, the substance of the Argument is no more than this, whether it is an advantage to your Investment that a bad manufacture shou'd be introduced, or the present fabrick kept up & whether you are likely to get a greater quantity the more these young fellows want. You have been so indulgent as to allow of a Mocha Voyage, & that allowance implies conditionally it is no Injury to your selves, a Subscription to such an amount was set on foot & no body refused a concern therein, if these Sparks have none, it is because a fond opinion of their own management & a Chimerical notion of an unlimited right in them of doing what they please prevented them. Where they sucked in this vanity & Independency your Hon^rs^. will not be at all at a loss to guess. But sure we are, if it is not checked, neither your own affairs or the general or real Interest of the Settlement can be preserv'd. To avoid swelling this Letter we beg leave to refer to our Consultations for an explanation of some of their malicious suggestions & a Confutation of their false reasoning & shall conclude this Paragraph with hoping your Honours will show a proper resentment against this Set

of Men, who, if pardonable for the contemptible opinion they have of us in our judicial & ministerial Capacities, yet heartily deserve punishment for imagining you can be so easily impos'd upon.

29. The 27th. October last we recieved with concern a Letter from the Chief and Council of Tellicherry desiring a supply of Men for the Defence of the Factory which the near approach of the Canarie Army made them apprehensive was in some Danger. We [are the m]ore uneasy on this account because their Letter came too late for us to Comply with their request, Our Ships being all gone off the Coast to avoid the monsoon. We wrote them therefore that we wou'd supply them, if possible this month, if in answer to our Letter they shou'd advise us it was not too late. This Letter was sent the 29th. October, & we suppose if those Gentlemen were still in want of the Succours wrote for, & believ'd they cou'd be with them in time, we shoud long e'er this have had an Answer, but till we have, we cannot think it for your Interest to levy one hundred & fifty Men & hire transports to carry them thither.

30. Imaum Sahib was again here in Septber. last & we made him a present of the same value as when he was here before. Your Honrs. will believe we wou'd put you to no expence of this kind if it cou'd be avoided, & you will also please to recollect that it was through his Influence we were enabled to conduct the Sweedish Affair so much to your Advantage.

31. Under this head we have only to add our hopes that your Honrs. will approve the directions given to Mr. Saunderson for the support of those persons who escaped from the wreck of the Shawallum & got ashore at Vizagapatam. There were about 90 Persons sav'd, all without Cloaths to cover them, & except a very few, without a farthing to support themselves: In this Calamity we thôt it incumbent on us to direct the Chief to allow them such a maintenance as was consistent with decency & frugality till such time as conveyance offer'd either for this place or Bengal.

Fifthly, Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs, & Revenues.

32. By the Prince Augustus we transmitted an Acco[t]. of t[he repairs of]the Garrison consequent to a former Survey & promised to keep all your Buildings in good order which we shall strictly observe. There has been no alterations in this Article since that time except that on a Survey of the Sea gate & Salt petre Godowns we have found it necessary to order them both to be taken down & rebuilt, we shall cover them with Arches wch. will be more durable & cheaper than Timber since none of the old will serve again.

33. In the 58 Paragraph of your Letter by the Drake your Honours take notice that when the Accomptant delivers in his annual report there are only such remarks made thereon as naturally follow on reading such report but that no expedients are laid down or Methods found out for raising the revenues, or lessening the expences of this place & its Subordinates. To this we beg leave to reply that althô this is not immediately done on reading the report yet those Articles are frequently in our thoughts & often debated in our Consultations: A proof of this we hope your Honours will have perceiv'd in the Alterations made at Fort St. David in the year 1733 which we then advised you & to which we have the pleasure to observe in a Letter from Fort St. David of the 30th. Ulto. the Deputy Govr. & Council attribute good part of the advance in their Revenues this last year.

34. We have this year been as diligent in our enquiries about those Articles at Vizagapatam. We have already come to some resolutions thereupon, & before Mr. Saunderson, who is now here, returns, we shall come to a final determination about the several Articles mention'd in their Letter of the 24th. December.

35. We also transmitted to your Honrs. the [last year the] report of a Committee appointed to examine into the causes of the decay of the trade of this place, & an Acco[t]. of the Steps taken consequent thereto for the advance of the revenues. The 5th. April we sent yr. Servants in Bengal such part of our Consultation of the 7th. Janry. as related to their Ships importing at the Moors ports to the Southward which

we represented to them as a practice highly prejudicial to your customs here. We perswade ourselves you will not think they had much reason to be offended at our request to them as we did not desire they shou'd be under any more restraint than we were ourselves. Their Answer is dated the 6th. May, wherein after having willfully mistaken the orders we recd. from you last year, & fixt the date of them so far back as the year 1708 because we have referred to a parellel case at that time; they endeavour to prove by a new sort of Logick that if they did not import at the Moor's ports your revenues here wou'd suffer. With submission also we take it that they strain the Priviledges & Indulgences you have been pleased to grant them by their Indentures further than can be made out. They seem to think if they do not act any thing wch. is inconsistent with the good of your Trade to Europe they are left at Liberty in all other respects. Sure we are our Indentures are otherwise & oblige us to submitt to such rules, regulations, & limitations as your Honrs. shall at any time think fit to direct & appoint & that none of our Trade shall be prejudicial to your Trade & Commerce, a very valuable part of which we are humbly of opinion your revenues ought to be esteem'd.

36. As to their other insinuations that our proposals were calculated for our own private Interest & with a view to [. . .] goods to the Southward to sell them again to their Ships at an advanced price, we take leave to assure you upon our certain knowledge & experience, that when their Ships imported here, they procured their returns much cheaper than now. Those goods were chiefly imported here by the Natives who always make their bargains better to the southward than we can. The Bengal Ships came here as to their Home, & it was not certain what rout they would next take, but their going to the Southward to the Moors ports is too plain a declaration of what they are about, & the Natives there know so well how to make their advantage of it, that the same goods which they used to buy up here, they give now much more considerable prices for there. However thô we think it would be better they did not go to the Southward, yet to clear ourselves from all suspicion of having any private views of our own we will not oppose it. But we believe your Honrs. will think it reasonable that they shou'd first clear here in like manner as you have order'd all English Vessels shall do at Surat before they go to Vertage.

37. We must not omitt to add that we are advised the Gentlemen in Bengal design to acquaint you as one reason or at least a pretence for sending their Ships to the Moors Ports, & others upon the Coast, that they cannot have the assistance of our Boats here. We do remember that last year about the time your Europe Ships were sailing to the Bay, & we were in some hurry to dispatch them so that they might reach the river at a proper time of the Moon, we order'd most or all the Boats upon that service; The Gentlemen in Bengal wou'd possibly have been more obliged to us for a different Conduct, but your Honours wou'd perhaps have thou[ght us to be de]ficient in our Duty.

38. We told your Honrs. in a former Letter that your Merchants had promised their endeavours to bring a Number of Weavers into the Bounds. We have been disappointed in our expectations from them but some other persons undertook the work & engaged a considerable number to come out of the Country, whereupon we gave them a Cowle on certain terms & Conditions, & appointed the Garden lately occupied by Sunca Vancata Chilum for erecting a Town for their residence. We shall not repeat the Contents of the said Cowle, nor the reasons nor arguments given for incerting some of the Articles which you will find there, but refer to our Consultations where they are at large, The Cowle itself you have copy of in the Packet.

39. We have met wth. some opposition in building this Petta, the Nabob having been made to believe that it will be a prejudice to the revenues of the Pune melle Country, so that we proceed as yet very slowly therein, we have however hopes of setting this matter to rights in a little time. The Cause of this opposition we can impute to nothing but the practices of Sunca Vancata Chilum with the Pune melle renters of which thô we have not such evidence as will amount to Legal proof, (& indeed designs of this nature being generally carried on in a very close manner,

such proof can be hardly expected) yet the circumstances & presumptions are very strong against him, we have not however proceeded any further with him thereupon than what your Honours will observe in our Consultation of the 20th. of last month, & we beg leave for a fuller & further Account of this Affair to refer to such Letters & Papers as the President will transmit to you.

40. With regard to the spot this Town was to be built on we found Sunca Vancata Chilum in possession of it as a Garden ; On an appeal he lodged to the King in Council in Novemr. last, he offer'd this security of the Costs of the said Appeal. On producing the Title to it we were unanimously of opinion that it was a bad one, & it was agreed to resume it into your hands, only Messrs. Morse & Monson desired the Case might be referred to your Honours, Sunca Vancata Chilum having been at some expence thereon. But we thought his behaviour such as did not deserve any favour from us. For the same reason we have also taken from him two houses in the white Town paying him the present value for them as settled by four indifferent Referrees on which conditions he was first permitted to buy the for the more convenient carrying on his business, while he was one of your Merchants. These Houses the Store-keeper now makes use of to put the stores in, instead of hiring Godowns for that purpose, wch. he before was obliged to do.

41. The objections to the title produced by Sunca Vancata Chilum arise from the Grant itself being given by President Collet alone without either the privity or Consent of the Council, & without any consideration either paid down or reserv'd to your Honours for the same, thô the Grant is made to him & his heirs for ever. Had we pass[ed] this [by] we shou'd as much as in us lay have given a sanction to the like practices in future & your Presidents might by degrees have alienated all your Lands.

42. There remains nothing more upon this head, but to remark that of the six thousand Pagodas which we are sorry to say the expence of this place is this year encreased; four thousand are for the general repairs of all your Fortifications & Buildings, which having been let alone several years, swell'd that Article to this amount. One thousand Pagodas more is under the head of Charges Garrison for a greater number of Europeans on the Rolls head money & refreshment for the new men & some other lesser Articles such as arrears of salary & Diet money to Messrs. Peers & Foxley, The Presidents Journey to Fort St. David & the like.

43. We are under a necessity to represent to your Honrs. the State of the Scavangers duty & the very bad condition of the Streets which that duty was collected to prevent. It is paid by the Inhabitants with a very ill will, because of the little benefit they have from it. In the year 1705-6 the amount of the Scavangers duty collected was under 500 Pagodas & the Charges 360. But as the Town & Inhabitants encreased so has the Scavangers duty which amounted last year to eleven hundred Pagodas, however little more has been expended on the Streets than the[re] was twenty years [ago w]hich means whenever They come to be thoroughly cleaned it will be a very chargeable work thô this is much complain'd of by the Inhabitants, yet no publick presentment has been made of it by any of the Grand Juries out of regard to your Honrs. because they know it is a grievance we shou'd be very glad was remedy'd. We shall be obliged this year to be at some extraordinary expence in those Streets where the nusance is greatest. For the rest if your Honrs. will permit us to expend the whole Sum upon them that is annualy collected for that purpose, we hope to effect all that may be necessary in a few years, & then a much less sum will be sufficient to keep the Town clean & in good order.

44. At Fort St. David the expences are likewise encreased near two thousand five hundred Pagodas, most of it on Acct. of your Presidents being down there at the seizing the Sweedish Effects & people, the rest in the Article of Charges Garrison. As to the encrease of the expences at Vizagapatam and Ingeram those books are so lately arriv'd that we have not had time to examine the particular Items of it, but it shall be done as soon as we have a little Leizure.

45. The Revenues here your Hon^rs^. will observe by the Accomptants report are encreas'd the last year ending 30^th^. April upwards of five thousand five hundred Pagodas, but by the List of all the Revenues for twelve months ending 31^st^ Decem^r^. 1734 they exceed the former year above fifteen thousand. The Chief Differences are in the Articles of Bengal goods, China Goods, & Grain, the former exceed the proceeding year about two thousand Pagodas. The Prince Augustus & three Maccao ships from China have added five thousand & the Import of Grain this year amounts to six thousand Pagodas more than the last. There are some exceedings in other articles, & there are some others where the Imports have been less, but they are not worth while particularising here.

46. Your Honours will observe the greatest part of this encrease arises from the much larger quantitys of China Goods imported this year than usual & the advance in the price of Grain, so that you will not wonder if the Sea Customs next year shou'd fall considerably again since the Market was so overstockt with all China Commodities that we sent no ship thither this season, & the Maccao Men, at least the latter Ships had but small encouragement from their sales to come again, & it is to be hoped Grain will never bear so great a price as it did this Year.

47. At Fort S^t^. David the revenues for eleven months exceed the twelve months preceeding almost eighteen hundred & fifty Pagodas thô by the books ending in April the advance is little more than five hundred of this large advance The Deputy Governour & Council say one thousand Pagodas or thereabouts is occasion'd by the Cargoes of the Mocha & Bussero Ships, the remainder as we have hinted abo[ut owing] to the Indulgence granted to the Inhabitants there the last Year.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

48. Your President acquainted us in Dec^ber^. last of his design to return to Europe by these ships. He accordingly takes his Passage on the Mountague together with M^r^. Roach whose ill state of health for some time past obliges him to quit the Service. These removes reducing the Council to six, we have agreed to call M^r^. George Torriano to the board, but the other vacancy we shall leave open till we have your orders about i[t] in obedience to a standing rule, not to fill up any more when there are seven at the Board.

49. M^r^. Wynch one of your Chaplains also goes on that Ship whom we recommend to your Hon^rs^. favour on Acco^t^. of his Behaviour here. M^r^. Turner & his family return on the Duke of Dorset, & M^r^. Thomas Yeates with Lieutenant G[ra]ven on the George. These are all the alterations s[ince] our last advices except the Death of M^r^. Foxley [which] happen'd the 29^th^. Sept^ber^. In his room M^r^. Simps[on] was made upper Searcher at the Sea-Gate.

50. The Care of the Cash & Min[t] was deliver'd over to Richard Benyon Esq^r^. last month, M^r^. Burton succeeds him in the Export [Ware]house & M^r^. Roach as Paymaster; M^r^. Morse is Land Customer & Accomptant in the room of M^r^. Burton, & M^r^. Monson has M^r^. Morse's former employ of Import Warehouse-keeper. The Account remains in that Warehouse was interchangeably sign'd by those Gentlemen when deliver'd over.

51. By the muster of Rolls here & at Fort S^t^. David your Hon^rs^. will observe that nothwithstanding the large recruits rec^d^. this & the former year, We have but nine more than the Complement appointed by you, & will thereby find the Calculate we last year sent you of the number of recruits necessary to be sent out annually was very near the truth.

52. On ballancing the Books at Fort S^t^. David ending April 1734 Your Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Council there write us they found a Debt due from the Beetle & Tobacco Farmers for 3 months rent, which they affirm'd they had paid & produced their Vouchers for. The receipts were thereupon compar'd with the Books as far back as 1717. In that year they found a receipt given by M^r^. Hastings for 3 months rent rec^d^. which was not brôt to Account. This Affair has been strictly examin'd into & the Fact appears evidently to be as stated above & the reason that it was

never found out before is that till this year the Beetle Farm has always been in the same hands & consequently the head in the Ledger has been the same so that they have carried this Quarters rent forward from one Set of Books to another as a ballance due from the Farmers. We have given orders however to them & directed the same to be observ'd here. That before the Close of the Books the Accomptant do compare the receipts given the several Farmers with the entries in the Boo[ks] [which we hope] will prevent any more accidents of this kind. But we are afraid we shall not be able to recover this money since we know of no Effects belonging to M^r^. Hasting[s]'s Estate remaining in India, except some money deposited in the Mayors Court by the executors of M^r^. George Tullie on Acco^t^ of a Dispute between them & M^r^. Wenday the latter claiming a Dividend of M^r^. Tullie's estate for money he had charged for Commission on the Estate of M^r^. Hastings & detain'd in his hands, which M^r^. Wendey pretends he had no right to, & his Executors have therefore deposited the money there till the Dispute shall be determin'd, but which way to come at the payment of this Debt out of this Deposit we are at a Loss to know.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

53. Under this head we have nothing to add to our former, but to request your Honours will be pleased to accept the following Bills which we have drawn on you at the usual rate & time. Those which are for Coral are entered in a Register which comes in the Packet as usual, The remainder will swell our Cash considerably, but we shall be enabled thereby to comply with the request of the President & Council of Bengal, who write us they shall be obliged to borrow several Lacks of Rupees at Interest & therefore press us for an early supply of money to ease that eating Charge. The Bills are as follow.

54. We have also rec^d^. of Cap^t^. Duncomb Backwell two thousand six hundred & forty Pag^ds^. 2640 [for produce] of twenty Bales of Cloth Aurora for [which we have] granted him certificates agreable [to your orders.]

EIGHTLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

55. Your Hon^rs^. will by our Letters to the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Council of Fort Marlbrô the two last years find the order in your 59 Parag^ph^. of your Letter by the Drake has been complyed with our Directions to that Settlement having been laid down at large in those Letters as well as the reports of our Committee which we shall continue. What alterations we have, (upon examining the Books which came last from thence) though proper to be made & w^t^. other rules & directions we propose to give them when we send the George thither your Honours will find in our Consultation of the [*lacuna*] at which time the Committee gave us their remarks on the proceedings of the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Council to w^ch^. we beg leave to refer.

56. We annualy send a quantity of Cloth on your Acco^t^. to that Settlement & it is disposed of in Barter for Pepper in the Country of Anacksoongey.

NINTHLY, RELATING TO THE NEW CHARTER.

57. Upon this head we beg your Honours will permit us to give you our sentiments at large & with freedom. This Charter is a novelty which by dividing the authority of the Government has occasion'd a like division in the obedience of the People. The Effects thereof have been gradually known, but are too sensibly felt in the Confusion & Disorders of the Place. Discord & Faction have so disturbed the tranquility of the Settlement that the natives heretofore used to a different way of thinking from their education & the Principles of their Religion, are now by the new doctrines which are broach'd & inculcated among them become exceeding slack & loose in their dependance & we have too much reason to be convinced, the Curb & Reins of the Government are too weak to keep them within the bounds of their duty & to prevent their ingaging in schemes that aim at little less than involving the place in blood & ruin, Attempts new & unheard of till these latter days, & which will require great application to prevent their taking Effect. If our resentment has not

been equal to what such crimes deserve, It has proceeded from a Defect in our Constitution which checks us in our resolutions of making any obey us, & very often obliges us to dissemble with those who do.

58. The rise & spring of these disorders we must impute to the disputes we have had with the Mayors Court. Disputes that have occasion'd much Scandal, which with it's hidden poyson has had a great Effect upon the minds of the ignorant & unreasoning people; nor have there been wanting those who have been indefatigable in their endeavours to invalidate our authority both acting & talking with the utmost contempt of it.

59. If your Hon^rs^. will please to look into the particulars of the Contests we have had with the Mayors Court, of which we shall presently give you the Detail, you will find the Question no more than this, (whether the Powers delegated to that Court; or those to the Gov^r^. & Council; were of the greater force & Authority). We believe your Hon^rs^. will be of Opinion, they have managed their arguments upon it with too much freedom & little respect, & that their reasonings, if we may call them so, have always had a strong Tincture of the Passions by which they were animated, of which that we might not remain any longer in Doubt they have at last peremptorily declar'd & that upon record that they are accountable only to a Power superiour to us.

60. We wou'd not be understood in the following Account to charge every one who during the subsisting of these Disputes has been a member of that Court w^th^. fomenting them; but only a Set of Men who have w^th^. great Industry preserv'd themselves a majority on that Bench for no other purpose, that we can perceive, but to embroil the Place & affront our Authority.

61. Your Hon^rs^. having so long since as the year 1730 blam'd that Court taking upon them to dispute the Decrees of the Court of Appeals, we believe we shall be justified in saying there appear'd in that Body from the beginning a fondness for a larger share of Power than the Charter gave them. The Prosecution of Marcasagahim formerly mention'd to y^r^. Honours was evidently an Attempt for the enlargment of their Authority & imprinting a Dread of them in the minds of the People, & therefore their surprize & Disappointment [. . .] to be expressed when they found the Jury had cleared him of the Fact laid against him in the Indictment. Nor was the resolution they came to hereupon less extraordinary or to be parallelled w^th^. anything but their subsequent proceedings. On this occasion M^r^. Parks openly declared it was high time since they had been disappointed in this cause to find other ways to support their Authority & that the Court wou'd no more trust to Indictments, but exert themselves when any thing of the like kind happen'd again; Accordingly in a few months after they proceeded against Rama Chundra, in the manner we last year mention'd. We have already given you a full Acco^t^. of this Affair, & the measures we have found ourselves obliged to take & shall therefore say no more about it, but that this was the properest person they cou'd pitch upon for their purposes, since had they not been prevented in their Attempts, it wou'd beyond dispute have shewn the Inhabitants the Authority of the Government was at a very low Ebb, since they cou'd not protect a person so considerably concern'd in the collecting your Revenues, an employ which in former times gave the Possessor great influence over the rest of the Natives. This man therefore they laid hold of, & because the Instructions in the Charter say the Court may fine & imprison any of the Parties or Witnesses who misbehave themselves in Court they first obliged him to give Bail in five Hundred Pagodas to appear whenever he shou'd be called upon for the space of a month, & at last imposed a Fine of fifty Pag^ds^. on him for what they call prevaricating with the Court [without] giving him any Charge or even asking him what he had to urge in his excuse thô directed to be done in the very paragraph of the Instructions whereon they grounded this proceeding and without any regard to that part of the Charter itself which reserves the power of imposing pains & penalty's to the Presid^t^. & Council. Rama Chundra offer'd Bail for the Payment if the Sentence was confirm'd by the Court of Appeals, but as suffering it to be carried thither wou'd not have answer'd their purposes, nor have encreased their

Power since it wou'd have been confessing their actions to be liable to Controul; they immediately committed him to Prison, & declared it their Opinion that no Appeal lay for a Fine.

62. Your Hon^{rs}. will we believe think it was high time for us after this to be alarmed & to proceed vigorously in the Defence of the Liberties of the Inhabitants by putting a stop to this usurpation of Power. And we have by experience found it was very well we did so, since their subsequent Conduct has shown us there was but too much cause for the Apprehensions we were then under of their making an ill use of the unlimited power they claim'd to themselves. We call it unlimited because they declared it to be their Opinion that they had a right to impose Fines & to commit to Prison without Bail such as refused to pay them & that no Appeal lay for a Fine so impos'd. From whence this plain consequence must follow that the estates & liberties of the Inhabitants lay at their Disposal. For if no A[ppeal] will lye from the sentence by which a Fine is imposed such fine may be as large as they please & consequently may exceed what some persons are worth who not having wherewithal to discharge such fines must remain in Prison for them. That this is not aggravating things will appear by the Fines lately imposed on some of your Servants for excusing themselves from serving on that Bench which they have fixed at 100 Pag^{ds}. a greater Sum than the allowance they have from y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. for a whole years Subsistance.

63. We have thought it necessary to release the Persons so fin'd from the Payment thereof, because we observe in the Charter as we before remarked that the making new by-Laws & the imposing Pains & Penalties were reserv'd to us, & that consequently the Mayors Court have no power to inflict them; besides that no by Law relating to this Affair having been yet transmitted to & Confirm'd by your Hon^{rs}. A refusal to accept of that employ is not a breach of any ordinance hitherto made, & where there is no Law there can be no Transgression. We have however thôt such a Law necessary & have therefore made one w^{ch}. we shall wait for your approval & confirmation of, before we put it in Execution.

64. After we had by delivering Ram Chundra out of Prison prevented as far as in us lay the ill consequence of the beforemention'd attempt, We thôt it mi[ght] be proper since the King had granted all Fines to you, to enquire whether the Court had ever levied any before & to w^{t}. amount since the arrival of the Charter which we found amounted to two hundred & nine Pagodas & twelve Fanams, and they told us they had spent the money. However we were so little inclin'd to give them disturbance on this head, that we have never since asked them for it contenting our selves only with telling them that no process from their Court was legal, but what was issued to the Sheriff & we well hoped they wou'd have had regard thereto, but we have but too just cause to say our Lenity has only administred to their Usurpations, & the less we have kept them within their due Limits, the greater have been their encroachments, Of which we believe the Proceedings of the last year will convince your Hon^{rs}. very fully. We shall mention a few of them leaving lesser matters as not worth troubling you about where there are things of so great importance to be spoke to.

65. The imposing Fines we have already mention'd on persons for not serving; a necessary consequence of that is the refusing those already chosen to resign; This was never thought of till this year nor wou'd have been pretended now, but in opposition to us, In the month of August last M^{r}. Saunders one of the Aldermen agreable to his Indentures as a free Merchant petition'd us for leave to go to Bengal. There were at that time Mess^{rs}. Harrison, Irwin & Parks absent, the latter thô gone to England still pretending to hold his seat among them, M^{r}. Foxley in such a condition as made him incapable of giving Attendance there, Mess^{rs}. Saunders & Wright going away, & a Vacancy not filled up so that there remain'd only the Mayor & two more which number being necessary for holding a Court, we foresaw many inconveniences from so small a number particularly the Interruption of Justice by the sickness of any one of them, & the necessity we shou'd have been under of permitting such of them as were in your Service to continue here, whatever call there might have been for them at the Subordinate Settlements, (since it is not to [be]

supposed they wou'd resign the Aldermanship on such an occasion) that we might not put a full Stop to the Course of Justice by their removal. We therefore insisted upon M^r^. Saunders's staying a shore, or resign^g^. his Employ; The particulars of the [Far . . .] on this occasion being in our Consultations, we shall not here repeat them; but proceed to tell your Honours M^r^. Saunders thôt fit to continue ashore in obedience to this imaginary Authority claim'd by the Court. But that M^r^. Wright having a greater regard to the Interests of his Fortune than to lay aside his Voyage on that accot they have lately as we are inform'd, declared him an unworthy Member & imposed a Fine on him of no less than one hundred Pounds sterling. That we have not said too much when we assert this thing wou'd not have been thôt of but in opposition to us will appear from the minute of Court whereby they pretend to give M^r^. Saunders leave to go to Sea if he promisses to return in six months or send them word that he cannot; which carries a plain Confession with it that it is not in their Power to prevent him.

66. The next thing we think proper to mention, is a Claim avowed by the Court that their Mayor shou'd be free from Prosecution during this Mayoralty, thô they granted the usual process against the Presd^t^. & Council at the suit of a bla[ck Merchant]. They treat our Secretary for entring an Action against M^r^. Naish as a person wanting common sense & modesty, & say he was guilty therein of such a breach of the Priviledges of their Court as justly deserv'd their resentment even to Fine & Imprisonment. Your Hon^rs^. will please to judge whether the Charter gives them any such immunity as they pretend to in this Point, & will observe how tenacious they are of the right we last year disputed w^th^. them of fining & imprisoning at pleasure.

67. The re-electing M^r^. Naish this year into the same Office shows how far the beforemention'd Claim may be extended, since if the Mayor be not liable to prosecution during his Mayoralty, & he may be chose two years successively he may be priviledged as long as he lives since he may be rechosen as often as the majority of the Aldermen shall think fit. We did not however swear him into the Office; The Charter in express words requiring a new Mayor to be chosen evry 20^th^. Dec^r^. w^ch^. word new were it possible for us to mistake the meaning of, so far to understand it to signifie, no more than to re-elect, yet the words preceeding & following in the Charter wou'd immediately determine the sense of it, for it is there expressly said (another person) shall be chosen into the said Office; this was urged to them without Effect, althô backed by the statute of the 9^th^. Queen Ann forbidding in so many words any Mayor of a Corporation to hold such office two years successively. The Court only telling us they had consider'd the terms of the Charter & did not look upon that Act of Parliament to concern them & therefore they wou'd abide by their Election.

68. These 3 Articles relate more particularly to themselves; The next we shall mention is a Liberty they assume of disputing the Decrees of the Court of Appeals, on occasion of a Sentence there passed & transmitted to them they are pleased to charge the Court of Appeals as guilty of a high breach of their priviledges & declare they cannot admit the Decree to take place without betraying the trust reposed in the by the Royal Charter, the Occasion hereof is not to the purpose; since whether the Decree was just or unjust the Charter having expressly commanded them to put the decrees of the Court of Appeals in execution they were warranted in so doing w^ch^. we believe they will hardly find themselves in refusing of it, & we shou'd have thôt the Check you were pleased some years past to give them for disputing the Decrees of that Court which has been more than once urged to them this year wou'd have prevented this.

69. This Claim however extraordinary & irregular is yet nothing in comparison of another Step they have taken which is recieving a Petition praying them to take security & transmit an Appeal to the King in Council which the Court of Appeals had declared irregular & therefore refused to transmit. What further they have thôt fit to do herein we know not or whether they have proceeded at all upon the Petetion to which however they gave so much countenance as to send up a Copy of the Petition to the Court of Appeals, The Answer sent them, we hope your Hon^rs^. will think as tender as such a proceeding cou'd admit of.

70. We have already mention'd the Letter rec^{d}. from them in which they tell us they do not think themselves accountable to us for their proceedings & indeed they seem to be in earnest, since in the same Letter they tell us they will not be convinced that they have deviated from the Rules laid down in the Royal Charter till they are told so by Authorities well versed in the Laws of England, which they add, they have as yet found no reason to think we are, We confess very freely our Incapacity but the preceeding Acco^{t}. will show your Hon^{rs}. we are at least as well versed therein, as those gentlemen who are pleased to treat us in this manner.

71. We shall trouble your Hon^{rs}. with only one thing more upon this head & w^{ch}. we have reserv'd as being the most extraordinary. Your Hon^{rs}. must remember that when M^{r}. Barrington was sent home, it was loudly said his being an alderman was a protection to him, & that the King had given him licence to reside in India w^{ch}. your Hon^{rs}. cou'd not take from him, We have not heard any thing of this pretence since that time, till this year the Mayors Court elected M^{r}. Lethiullier to be one of their Body. This Gentleman we told your Hon^{rs}. last year came sick from China & not being able to go home we shou'd permit his residence among us till your orders. When he was chosen he represented to the Court his Incapacity of serving there on Acco^{t}. of his not being licenced to continue in India, This we think was a reasonable excuse & the imposing a Fine of one hundred Pagodas on him for it we think will bear no other construction than renewing their Claim to such protection & a power in them to grant it to whom they please.

72. For ourselves we declare solemnly our Proceedings in these Disputes have been such as our best reason & Judgment cou'd direct us, an Argument which however convincing to some, yet looses much of its force by our distance from England, & the time it takes up before we can be out of Doubt, & is rendered still weaker by the arts of wicked & designing men who insinuate that our actions are arbitrary, illegal, & such as will certainly induce your Hon^{rs}. to change hands. These notions inculcated with great pains among the Natives are of infinite prejudice to your Affairs, as it entirely destroys our Influence among them, & makes them very careless, & indifferent how they do any think to oblige us, when they are constantly in expectation of seeing new Rulers.

73. Your Hon^{rs}. Cannot but know the Law is a Science wherein to arrive at any tollerable Degree of exactness & Perfection requires great application & long Study. It is what we were never brôt up to, & therefore hop'd we never shou'd be disturbed by it, where we have so many other Affairs to attend. Nor is the Present trouble & uneasiness all we undergo; Our perplexity's are still augmented by the time it takes up, which is sometimes upwards of 2 years before our Doubts can be rosolv'd. If your Servants at the head of your Affairs have a regard for their reputation & fortune, & we believe you wou'd always wish to have such, thô we act wth. never so much Caution, yet being ignorant, or at best doubtfull of the necessary Forms in these sort of Affairs, it is possible we may err, & cannot avoid reflecting upon past transactions without uneasiness least we shou'd have erred. Altogether takes up so much of our time as prevents that attention & care which your Affairs require, & your Hon^{rs}. expect from us, & is a further occasion of great disquiet among us.

74. We know not what resolution Your Hon^{rs}. may come to wth. regard to the Charter if it must still subsist in the form & manner it does at present, we shall be under a necessity of compiling a set of By laws, that we believe will be very voluminous, & perhaps at last difficult to execute, The Customs, Manners, & Constitution of the People, the nature of your trade, & the Clashing of the Powers of the Country Government, being all obstacles to a strict observance of any Laws that can be devised. Add besides that as no By Laws must have any force or Effect till they have been approved in England, it is very probable few of them will ever have any Effect at all, as the best heads we have here may not be sufficient to provide against all the arts & subtelties that may be contriv'd & thôt of to evade them. Many things are submitted to at present, rather from the force of Custom, & the order of Sallabad, than any real obedience to the Authority of the Government, an authority that will still be less regarded & complied with, till they are made more sensible of the Strength of it from England.

75. We have just rec^{d}. Information by way of Goa that the Europa lost her Passage round the Cape & has lain the Season at Mozambique.

76. We have examin'd the Cloth brôt up from Vizagapatam in Sept^{r}. & have agreed to allow the same prices for it as last year, but there being but a very small quantity full length Your Hon^{rs}. will observe in the Invoice that we have made a Deduction for short Measure.

77. The Invoice of the Duke of Dorset for Goods put on board here amounts to [*lacuna*] of the Mountague to [*lacuna*] the value of the George's Cargo y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will be advised from Fort S^{t}. David.

78. We have letters from Tellicherry, the latest date Dec^{r}. 24 at that time they had no news of the King William.

79. We were obliged to close the generall Books this year without bringing the Vizagapatam & Ingeram Acco^{t}. into them, the Books from those Settlements arriving so very late.

80. Our Storehouse acco^{ts}. are brôt into the method you were pleased to direct, but the new modelling of them has taken up so much time that we must pray y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. excuse that they are not sent by these ships.

81. The two Ships now going from hence are not able to take in their Tonnage, so that your Hon^{rs}. will not recieve the full quantity of Cloth we mention'd in the 19th. Par^{ph}. of this Letter w^{ch}. Disappointment we are concern'd at.

82. We have drawn the following Bills besides those beforemention'd which we pray y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. acceptance of.

		£.		P.
	To Cap^{t}. Thomas Gilbert, value of himself	1000	„	2500
	To Cap^{t}. William Jobson, value of Cap^{t}. Tho^{s}. Gilbert.	160	„	400
Dated 15 Jan^{ry}.	To Daniel Morse or order value of Nicholas Morse ...	300	„	750
	To Robert James or order value of Tho^{s}. Eyre ...	247	12	619
	To Abraham Salaman or ord^{r}. value of himself ...	100	„	250
Dated 20 Jan^{ry}.	To John Roach or ord^{r}. value of himself	740	„	1850

83. The Register of Diamonds by the Duke of Dorset amounts to P. 21277. 34. 16. By the Mountague P. 23233. 18. the Commander of the former has registred here Goods to the value of P^{s}. 3362 R^{s}. 6254. Cap^{t}. Gosfright's manifest amounts to 25225 R^{s}. We wish these Ships safe home & are

HONOURABLE.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JAN^{RY}. 22^{D}. 1734/5.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED[?]

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11, pages 85—92.*]

TO THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE UNITED COMP^{Y}. OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

It is now some years since we acquainted you of Sunca Vancata Chilums incapacity to pay for the Broad Cloth he had agreed in the year 1730 to purchase of us, & his absolute refusal to enter into any new Contract, or comply with the terms of the old one, We also promised your Hon^{rs}. if he continued obstinate in his refusal, that We wou'd oblige him to pay the Penalty; we wish we cou'd tell we had been successfull herein, but such hath been the unreasonable favour shewn him during this Prosecution that We are still at a Loss to know whether We shall have execution, granted Us on his Effects or not.

We forbore to enter any Action against him till Nov^{r}. 1733, in hopes he wou'd at last be brought to a compliance with his Duty, but finding no proba[bi]lity of influencing him, by fair means, We at last preferred a Bill against him, Moodu-Ramah, & Ball Chitty for one half of the Penalty due for breach of the before-mention'd Contract. To this they demurred giving for reason that Moodu Ramah not

having sign'd the Contract ought not to have been made a party to the Bill & that Tomby Chitty and his Partners who had contracted jointly with them, ought to have been prosecuted jointly; The answer to the first of these Objections was easy & obvious Viz^{t}. that Moodu-Ramah was head of the Family & by the known Laws of the Country necessarily answerable for all their proceedings that he always appear'd & acted as a Partner & in particular all the year 1732 when Vancata Chilum was sick. The other Objection we thôt carryed some weight in it & We therefore did not dispute it, but withdrew our Bill, & enter'd an Action against the whole body of the contracted Merchants including Moodu-Ramah in the Number.

Your Hon^{rs}. will expect we shou'd give You our Reasons for not prosecuting Tomby Chitty for breach of this Contract, since he & his partners were concern'd in it, & the Penalty as much from them as from the others. But they have done for Us in an Appeal to the King in Council, which Vancata Chilum has been encouraged to make Viz^{t}. that We had enter'd into this Prosecution against them because they refused to have any thing to do wth. your Honours. This is the real truth for cou'd they have been brought to comply with any reasonable terms We sho[uld] have been very far from engaging in a Contest [of such a] nature with them, & as the others readiness to engage in a new Contract was very acceptable to Us at that Juncture especially, we therefore thôt it but just to let them reap the rewards of it. It is true they have but ill complied with the terms of it, but that cou'd not be foreseen when the engagement was enter'd into.

Moodu-Ramah was a person very unfit for the carrying on this dispute with being very tenacious of the Dignity of his Cast, & chusing rather than take an Oath (as he must do if he had continued a party to the Bill) to confess the Charge; which not suiting the designs of others, Vancata Chilum prevailed on the Court to expunge all that Part of the Bill which concern'd Moodu-Ramah & discharge him of the Prosecution; notwithstanding one of the Aldermen then on the bench was the Compiler of the Petition to Us in his Behalf jointly with the other two, in which they jointly were concern'd together, & pray to be excused from paying the Penalty of this very Contract. Tomby Chitty & his Partners confessed the Bill, but Vancata Chilum & Ball Chitty put in an Answer thereto in which there was nothing worth remarking, except, that they insisted the Clause in the Contract relating to Wars & Disturbances in the Country ought to be extending to Famine likewise & that the Price of Cloth rose so much that they cou'd [not] comply with their Engagements without great Loss. We will not enter into a long detail of the Argument urged on both sides, the Original Papers being all copied in a Book in the Packet, & the examinations of the Witnesses in the records of the Mayors Court, to which We beg leave to refer & proceed to the [*lacuna*].

Next thing proper to be here mention'd which is the Bill enter'd by Sunca Vancata Chilum & Ball Chitty on Account of the Broad Cloth which We deliver'd to Tomby Chitty, & by which they pretend they were great sufferers. Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will in Our Consultations see the agreement on w^{ch}. they found this Suit & you will by that observe that because no Contract was made for Callicoes, the Broad lay on hand in our Ware-houses; Upon which the joint Stock Merchants were called for & agreed to take it off at 35 ℔ cent advance. This is enough to show that this Cloth was not sold them on the usual terms because in all former agreements they contracted for Callicoes & Broad Cloth together. This sale therefore was not to be esteem'd of the same kind with former Bargains, neither were the terms the same. It is hardly possible to conceive how many Persons cou'd be brought in to interpret an agreement to sell a parcell of Cloth at 35 ℔ Cent into an obligation to keep it on hand as long as the purchaser thôt fit to defer the payment of it, yet without such Obligation on our side the Prosecution must fall to the Ground.

In this long Bill (not to remark the impossibility's of its ever coming [to a] hearing, many of the party's to it being dead & others absent, & from such impossibility to infer that the Design of the Prosecutors was only to asperse & reflect upon People, & not that the Cause shou'd ever be brôt to a hearing,) we can find nothing that requires an Answer except an Assertion of theirs that they were surpris'd with the demand for Payment of the money & an insinuation that they were obliged to allow

10 ℔ Cent to some body for what they did obtain. The first of these needs no other Confutation than what is enter'd in Consultation when we agreed to refuse them the Cloth unless they paid the money down & for the other Article we for our parts declare we know nothing of it, & indeed the Bill itself Charges it all on Mr. Hyde, the properest person for them to pitch upon because being dead he can not disprove. But the improbability of the Charge will appear from the following Observations.

They acknowledge in the Bill they had recd. before this demand two hundred & twenty six Bales & paid 35 ℔ Cent advance for it, & it is not likely they shou'd make a Present of 10 ℔ Cent on the one hundred & twenty two Bales deliver'd them last when they paid nothing for the first.

In the next place they affirm Mr. Hyde made this bargain with them without any Orders & of his own head, whereas it appears by the Consultations that the half part which Vancata Chilum ought to have paid for, was ordered to be divided between the two Sets & therefore the only reason which cou'd be assign'd for their making a Present, thus failing there appears but little probability they did make it.

But further if they got as they pretend, four thousand, seven hundred, eighty nine Pagodas, nine fanams & twenty six Cash, besides fourteen hundred, forty eight Pagds. twelve fanams & thirty Cash for this Present of 10 ℔ Cent how come they to sue for no more since the Accot. wou'd stand thus.

Profit made on the Cloth as they pd.	4789	9	26
10 ℔ Cent Charges	1448	12	30
Batty which they likewise sue for	242	0	24
	6479	22	—

This is what they sue for as due to them on Accot. of the ¼ Part of the Broad Cloth which was not deliverd the~ why then had there been any fact in the Charge, was not the money paid on the Quarter they did receive & which if their Account be true they overpaid added hereto 1448 12 30

Pagds. Fans. Cash.

The whole wou'd then amounted to 79273 2 30, which is the Sum they ought to have enter'd their Action for & their not doing it ought to be looked upon as a Proof that this is an asperation. For the sake of which we think we may venture to say they enter'd this Action since in the Appeal to [the] King in Council beforemention'd, the[y] say in express [words] they had no thoughts of doing it, had not prosecuted them for their breach of Contract.

This much We have thought necessary to say concerning the subject matter of this Cause which has been the Darling of the busy Spirits in the Town for some months past, for what reasons & with what views the Account, we account in Our other Letter under the last head given Your Honrs., will make very apparent.

We now proceed to an Account of the manner in which this Cause was carried on. We were summon'd in a Body to appear & answer to the Complaint of these People. But a Cause wherein a dead man only was charged wth. any Injury to the Complainants, & for which consequently no one else cou'd be accountable, did not seem to Us to deserve much regard, accordingly We instead of making a full answer to that Mass of Nonsense & Inconsistances, thôt the shortest & easiest way was to put in a Plea thereto shewing that the Complainants had no right to any relief by their own stating the Case. This Plea was put in the 15th. of Febry. & being a thing which the Patrons of this Complaint were not provided for, the Court took a weeks time to consider of it, & then order'd it to be filed. The Sollicitor having obtain'd thus much of them, insisted that the Plea so filed shou'd be allow'd or demurred to by the other party till when he wou'd make no further answer, in which he exactly followed & the rates laid down in our Law Book; the Court however instead of allowing his Demand were pleased 14 Days after they had order'd the Plea to be filed, to order it to be dismissed, & that as will appear very plainly appear from the minute without so much as a motion made by the other party.

After this apparent partiality to the Complainants We had little reason to expect an equitable decision of this Cause & therefore the Sollicitor applied to the Court of Appeals for redress, praying the s^{d}. Plea might be affirm'd. The Design & Prayer of this Appeal was no more, & we think this Proceeding was exactly agreeable to the Rules laid down in the Charter & in the several directions from time to time sent us by your Hon^{rs}. for the more regular execution of the Powers of it. In the first we are told, If any Person or Persons shall think him her & themselves aggriev'd by any Judgment Sentences or Decree of the s^{d}. Court, He or they may appeal therefrom, & we cannot but be of Opinion that dismissing this Plea comes within the above description. This Opinion of Ours we find supported by the Practice of the Courts of Westminster where the Writs called *Breve de errore corrigend^{o} et certiorari* are common. The first issuing out of the Kings bench, when a man complains he has been griev'd by any Error in the Foundation proceeding Judgment or Execution. The other granted by Chancery on Complaint that the Party who seeks redress thereby has a cause depending in an [Infer]iour Court where he has rec^{d}. hard Usage. When their argument was urged to the Mayor[s] Court on delivering them the Decree of the Court of Appeal[s] the Sollicitor added further two Passages in the Letters of this head, which are as follow. If the Mayors Court are mistaken in any orders, decrees or Judgments & the same are appeal'd from, in such Cases you may correct those mistakes ; which We are of Opinion are terms not so properly applicable to the final determination of any Cause as to the intermediate proceedings since had it related to the former it wou'd we think have been more stron[g]ly worded. The other passage is that wherein your Hon^{rs}. are speaking of the Cause of Sunca Ramah versus Hanson in which are these words. The Defendant might have pleaded the Sentence of the Court of Tranquebar in bar of that Action or Suit, & this being done, if the Mayors Court had adjudged the Plea good, an Appeal wou'd properly have lain to you for your Judgm^{t}. & from hence he inform'd that if an Appeal lay upon that Court adjudging a Plea to be good, it wou'd by parity of Reason lie on their adjudging it to be bad.

Sunca Vancata Chilum refused to make answer to this Appeal, but pleaded to the Jurisdiction of the Court where he was instructed so to do, Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will easily find by the extraordinary entry made in the Mayors Court, whe the Decree from the Court of Appeals was carried them which however was not done till after he had refused to answer the Appeal, for which purpose he was served wth, two peremptory rules & a sufficient time giv'n him for that purpose.

The next thing proper to be remarked is, that after the Mayors Court had come to the extraordinary resolve abovemention'd your Sollicitor offer'd them if they wou'd suffer the Plea to be demurr'd to, he woud wave the Benefit of the Decree of the Court of Appeals ; but that cou'd not be obtain'd thô we have reason to believe they began to apprehend they had been guilty of an Error in dismissing it without. And that Sunca Ramah not let so far into the secret as he ought to have been demanded Judgment immediately on Our refusing to give further Answer & insisting on the Decree. But his Friends to delay it because the other Cause was not ready for hearing, & accordingly they kept it back from the 19th. April to the 14th. June, following, at w^{ch}. time they made a Decree in favour of your Hon^{rs}. in the first cause, & against You in the Second, but least you shou'd take out Execution they join'd the two decrees in one. Which therefore obliged the Sollicitor to appeal a second time in order that the Decrees might be seperated & a regular Process issue for the recovery of w^{t}. was adjudged to you by the first Decree & that the other Cause might be regularly heard & determin'd, in order to which he by petition declin'd the Benefit of the former Decree made therein.

To the latter of these Judgments M^{r}. Powney one of the Aldermen dissented & insisted that such Dissent should be minuted Cap^{t}. Irving another of the Aldermen was not on the Bench. The other four immediately after giving these Decrees came to a resolution to fill up the vacancies, which they had kept open near five months, we think we may [wi]thout doing them any Injury, say, for no other purpose [bu]t to be sure of a Majority.

In this second Appeal it is very apparent the Sollicitor acquiesces in the judgment on the first cause & only prays relief from the last. However as the Mayors Court had taken no small pains to blend the two causes together, it was not practicable to avoid mentioning them both, & accordingly when he prays they may be seperated, he is under a necessity of praying one may stand good thô the other be rever[s]d. And this the other party wou'd willingly have laid hold on to defend themselves from an Execution on the first Cause. To this end they put in a Demur to the Appeal & assign'd for cause of Demurrer, that all the parties to the Bill were not summon'd to answer the Appeal, & that the Persons constituting the Court of Appeals were the Agents of the Company, & consequently not competent Judges; there are many other Arguments in the Demurrer but the Purport of them is contain'd in the two above above mention'd. The Sollicitor imediately hereupon join'd in Demurrer, & answerd to the first Objection, that the Decree from which he appeal'd was given in favour of Sunca Vancata Chilum & Ball Chitty only for that the additional words in behalf of themselves & others the joint Contract Merchants &c^{t}. were words without any determinate signification, & since only these two appear'd in Court & prosecuted in this Cause & that they had never produced powers from any other whatsoever to sue in their behalf, it was useless to add an &c^{a}. at the end of their names, since it was impossible to know whether any body or who was meant thereby, especialy since having in a former Bill in the Mayors Court nam'd Mooduramah as one who was meant by the Words Others, for which these very people had obtain'd his Bill to be dismissed. To the other Objection he replied that the King having constituted the Presidents Council to be a Court of Appeals for all Causes without exception. They acted in a double capacity & that it wou'd have become those who were Suitors in his Courts to submit to the Rules he had laid down for their Proceedings. But that however in the present Case, the Cause being for upwards of one thousand Pag^{ds}. the Persons who shou'd be cast had a right to carry it to the King in Council, w^{ch}. right they must be depriv'd of if it did not come before the King of Appeals, since the only way of coming to him appointed by the Charter is by Appeal from the Decree of the Court of Appeals here. That since no evidence is brôt in the Court of Appeals, & their business only is to examine into & correct the Error of the Mayors Court in which they are to proceed upon such Proofs only as had been before that Court. Cou'd it be supposed the members of the Court of Appeals were capable of being influenced. It wou'd be of very little consequence since the original must without any alteration be laid before the King & the final judgment wou'd consequently be agreable to the Proofs & allegations in the Mayors Court; whereas if this cause should be flung out on Account of the objection above mention'd it would render the Decrees of the lowest Court of Justice in the place final & absolute in Causes of the highest Nature since there is no Relief provid[ed by] any Method.

The Demurrer was hereupon overruled, & the Respondents put in an Answer in the latter part of which they expressly aver that the second Bill was enter'd in the behalf of all the Parties to the First. The Tenour of the second Bill apparently proves this impossible since it prays that your Hon^{rs}. may be decreed to pay what they pretend last by a parcell of Broad Cloth deliver'd to Tomby Chitty; But they were well aware that if they confess'd the Parties to the two Bills to be different, the consequence wou'd be that the Decrees must be so to, & then they were left without remedy since the time for appealling appointed by the Charter had been many months elapsed. They therefore resolv'd to abide by their averment that so they might correct their error in not appealing by pretending that there was but one Decree in the two Causes from w^{ch}. our having appealed made it not necessary for them to do it, likewise to w^{ch}. purpose in the avower we are now speaking of, they pray the whole Decree of the Mayors Court may stand good.

The Court of Appeals having duely weigh'd the arguments urged on both sides, the first Judgment to remain as it did & reversed the second giving leave to the Complainants to renew their Suit if they thôt fit. We have not as yet heard of any new Bill brôt by them on this Acco^{t}. but they deliver'd to our Register an Appeal to the King in Council from Our Decree. On the other side was presented a

Petition in your Hon^{rs}. behalf praying that this Appeal might not be rec^{d}. w^{ch}. Petition was backed with a Declaration from Tomby Chitty & his Partners that they never consented to the Bill preferred against you in the Mayors Court, nor were consulted about or knew any thing of the present Appeal. Upon this Vancata Chilum's Attorney pray'd the Appeal might stand good for the rest. This was granted for so far as his Appeal concern'd the second Cause, because your Hon^{rs}. had appeal'd from the Decree of the Mayors & he from the Decree of the Court of Appeals consequent thereto, but it being apparent that no Appeal had ever been brôt from the Judgment in the Mayors Court in the other Cause to Us. We cou'd not acquiesce with his request with regard thereto since nothing could be laid before the King till it had been before Our Court, which they were not too late for.

The only thing that looked like an Argum^{t}. in answer hereto is what We before mention'd, that as the Mayors Court had join'd the Decree together & you had appeal'd they apprehended the Appeal was from that whole Decree & therefore there was no necessity for the to appeal from it likewise. But this was over ruled on account of the apparent Differences in the two Causes which is so great that maugre all the endeavours of the Mayors Court together to blind [*sic*] them together it has bee impossible. For if instead of the Words these Causes in the beginning of their Decree we substitute this Cause, & instead of each party pay their own Costs which are at the end of it, We put the Defendants pay the Costs the two Decrees may be read without one word in either of them being necessary to make the sense of the other compleat.

Having thus rejected their Appeal to the King Vancata Chilum deliver'd a Petition to the Mayors Court, [praying] they wou'd transmit the same, to which they have given so much as to defer granting execution agreable to our Decree thô demanded of them two Court Days successively & to send us a Copy of the s^{d}. Petition. We were in hopes the Check they rec^{d}. some years ago for disputing whether they shou'd execute our Decrees wou'd have made them more observant of them now.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1735. RECEIVED PER PRINCE OF ORANGE 20TH APRIL 1736.

[*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 4, pp. 86–100, India Office transcript.*]

1. Their last was under date 31th August & 22th Jan^{y}.

2. The letters this year received from the Company are dated 29th November 20th December & 31th of January, and one from Mr. Secretary Mole.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. It was a great Concern to them to find so few Ships got safe home from India the last Season. Of those sent out this year all designed for this Port except the Nassau are arrived, the three China Ships were standing into Batavia Road the 27th May. The Queen Caroline after having been at Mocha and Bombay was going down the Malabar Coast in August to take in a Cargo for Persia.

4. The Godolphin arrived the 15th June, the Beaufort 20th, the Prince of Orange 5th July, the Wager and Marlborough the 10th and the Onslow the 25th, Captain Steward was dispatcht for the Bay in eight days time without detaining him to coyn his Silver, that the President and Council there might have a Supply as soon as possible, for the same Reason, sent the Beaufort and Marlborough's thither uncoined.

5. Captain Boulton after some stay was acquainted that he might proceed to the Bay, for that they should not take him under their Direction. The same was observed with regard to the Marlborough, but were obliged to detain the Wager and Onslow to carry the coyned Silver.

6. The Prince of Orange has taken in 700 Baggs of Saltpetre more than the Charterparty Quantity.

7. Shall not put on board any of the Ships more than the Charterparty Tonnage unless the Captains will take it at half freight.

8. In the Packet come the usual surveys of this Ship's Men and warlike Stores.

9. In the Packet is an Account of every thing brought ashore from the Prince of Orange and a Manifest of Captain Hudson's private Trade. If any of the Commanders dye, shall not fail to secure their Effects from Embezzlements and assist their Executors as much as possible.

10. The small vessell bought for the Service of the West Coast drove ashore in her return from Fort St. David last year, her Wreck after deducting all Charges produced 207 Pagodas. They examined the Syrang and People as per Consultation 27th January and afterwards dismissed them after a slight chastisement.

11. The Madrass Galley returned from Bencoolen the 22th February and was sent to Vizagapatam to be caulked and fitted. As the Gentlemen on the West Coast had been largely supplyed with Treasure, did not apprehend there was occasion to return any vessell to them 'till had Advices from Europe and have therefore employ'd the George in making two Trips to Fort St. David to bring up Bales, she is now gone to Bengal for Saltpetre and have desired she may be returned by the 1st December at farthest.

12. Whenever these vessells are sent to any Port, the Commanders have Orders to make the best of their Way and to use all imaginable diligence when in Port. As to overpriviledge, extravagant Charges or Embezzlements of the Ships Stores, they take all imaginable care to prevent those or any other Frauds.

13. Hope the not sending the Remains of the Eyles's Cargo on the Britannia and Duke of Lorrain will have been a very small disappointment since it was only the gruffer Part.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

14. The Produce of Gold on the Malabar Coast and in this Place not differing above one per cent, have thought it their Duty to send all this year's Silver to Bengal rather than detain a part of it for the Richmond, and have advised the President and Council of Bombay thereof that they may not depend upon Silver from this side.

15. When they drew that large number of Bills of Exchange the last year, had a Design to send an early Supply of Treasure to the Bay if their Manilla Ship arrived in time, but as she stay'd 'till the middle of April, did not think they should be warranted in buying Silver at so high a rate as 14¼ Dollars for ten Pagodas.

16. Did however design to have purchased some Silver when the Mocha and Bussero Ships should arrive, if any should have been wanted at Bombay for the Richmond, but the Royal George from Bussero has left most of her Cargo behind and the Narcissus their Mocha Ship is still missing, so that shall have no opportunity of laying out any Mony that way 'till the Arrival of the next year's ships from Manilla.

17. The Mint Braminys and Goldsmiths were summoned into Consultation and told of the Company's Resolutions to pay no more than 1½ per cent for Coyning Rupees, who with great Difficulty submitted thereto, however are apprehensive of not recovering their Ballances at the End of the year. Though have got the better of them in this Article it was impossible to perswade 'em to coyn the new pillar Silver without an allowance for its being debased. Desire to know if there has been any Difference made in the Standard of the new pillar Dollars, as the Complaint against them has subsisted some years. Some Peices of them essayed are sent in the Packet.

18. The Madeira Wine lost by Leakage only 4 Pipes out of 75, the amount of the Sale is Pagodas 2649½, desire a supply of 60 Pipes a year.

19. Have sent no Ship to Manilla this year, so that the Cloth receiv'd per Godolphin and most of that of the last Season lies still on hand. The Produce of the first parcel is Pagodas 5651 : 32 : 20, the rest of the Broad Cloth comes to 4808½, so that there is a Proffit of 17½ per cent on that adventure.

20. The Commanders not being permitted to bring out any Cloth will Enable the Merchants to get rid of the large quantity they have on hand before the next Supply comes, have determined to charge the amount of the Interest due from Tomby Chitty on his Bond for Broad Cloth to his Account, shall thoroughly examine whether selling it at Outcry be likely to advance the Price to continue it in the present Method, if the former be resolved on, Convenient Seasons of the year shall be taken for that Purpose.

21. The Indent for Broad Cloth in the Packet is not signed by the Merchants but by themselves, beleive the 600 Bales indented for is as much as can be sold in 1737.

22. Sold in May last 500 Candys of Lead, but the unsettled state of the Government has occasioned such a state of stagnation in Trade, that it would have been useless to attempt a second Sale 'till a more proper Opportunity.

23. Were offer'd no more than 78 pagodas per Candy for the Onslow's Copper, therefore have sent it to Bengall.

24. Have sold all the little Stores designed for Madagascar which were sent from the West Coast per Hertford. The amount of worn out Stores wrote off this year is pagodas 140 : 33 : 58. and at Fort St. David 212 : 3 : 7.

25. The beginning of the year received some Silver Lead from Bengal, which as it will fetch nothing there shall make the most they can of it.

26. Their Indents shall be regularly signed by them all in future. Their Surgeons complain that the Indents they send for Medicines are not observed by the Persons who put them up, have been obliged to permit them to take a part of what sent to Fort St. Davids to supply their own Hospital.

27. In purchasing the Gold from the Supra Cargos of the Wyndham and selling the Silver by her, they acted for the Company as should have done for themselves, and though in the month of May the Ballance of their Cash was 110000 Pagodas, yet 58000 of that was the unexpected supply by the Compton and the Mony designed for Vizagapatam which the Gentlemen there afterwards requested to be sent in Rupees.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

28. When the Nassau arrives shall distribute her Pepper among the homeward bound Ships at half Freight.

29. Shall keep as near to the List of Investment this year received as possible. As for advancing the prices of Cloth, shall never make use of that Expedient but in Cases of absolute necessity.

30. Tomby Chitty and his Partners have of late proved very backward in complying with their Contracts, whatever advance has been made in the Prices these five years, yet still the Merchants neither care to Contract nor are they able to comply with their Contracts when they have made them, which is an irrefragable argument that they reap very little advantage thereby, have however with great Difficulty engaged him in a Contract for a thousand Bales, do not expect he will perform it entirely, but has comply'd more nearly than of late.

31. Have also engaged with one Molinga Kistna and his Brother Molinga Ball Chitty upon a List of Cloth between 7 and 800 Bales of the same Sortments with Tomby Chitty, but under no Penalty, have since agreed with them for the white and colour'd Ginghams and Oringall Bettellees ordered in the List of Investment, finding them more likely to serve 'em well herein than the Chittees.

32. The last Contract at Fort St. David was pretty well observed and they have made a new one for 1500 Bales there at some small abatement on a part thereof. Have been obliged to promise the Merchants they shall not be sufferers by the Contract and to indulge them in paying only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Custom instead of five on what Cloth was turned out last year. Directed the Deputy Governour and Council to offer contracting for a proportion of fine cloth to put them on a Par with the Merchants at Pondicherry, which was gladly accepted, but the Musters proposed to contract by were so bad that were obliged to reject them, and they have therefore contracted only for the ordinary and Sallem.

33. Their last years Letters contain the Reasons why the prime Cost of the Cloth from the Northern Settlements comes out cheaper than in these Parts.

34. The Wars in the Country about Ingeram are ended in an entire Conquest by the Moors, so that may now hope those parts will be peaceably settled, the utmost hopes Mr. Graham gives them at present is no more than 420 Bales.

35. The Vizagapatam Investment has of late been very considerable, but the Deduction made the last year in the Price of the short measure Cloth has almost put an entire stop to it. Have supply'd both the Northern Settlements with as much Cash as they can employ.

36. The Porto Novo Investment goes on much as it did, think their Merchant there may be depended on.

37. By this ship send the Izzarees, and have ordered the 500 Pieces indented for this year to be provided, which shall be sent for the September Sale.

38. In their Consultations and Letters by this Ship is an Account at large of the many Difficultys started by the Merchants in the several Settlements, and of the Resolutions taken and the Directions given thereupon.

39. As to the Photaes and Soot Romals proposed to be provided here, arose purely from comparing the Cost and Goodness of those designed for England by the Eyles with the Cost and Goodness of the Cloth made here for the Wear of the poorer sort of People in this place.

40. Whenever can purchase Cotton at a price that will give a Proffit in the Bay, shall not fail to do it, and have wrote thither to have the spare Tonnage on their returned Ships filled with Rice.

41. In the beginning of the year received from thence a parcel of Raw Silk saved out of the Ockham which sold very well and has encouraged them to send up 50. Bales more now.

42. Have sent a parcel of Rungpore Raw Silk to Bombay at the Request of the Gentlemen at Bengal who advised it turned to good Account there last Season.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

43. In the Packet is a regular Account of the Prince Augustus's voyage. The reason of their sending so great a quantity of Tin was that there were at that time no other Goods procurable and had Reason to beleive it would turn out better than silver.

44. Thankful for the Permission granted them of setting apart one of this year's Ships for that Voyage, but many reasons had before determined them to send no Ship to China this year.

45. The Reasons for which, were the dearness of every thing proper for that Port, especially Pepper & Tin and the Scarcity of Silver, as likewise the Practice the Macao Ships have now fallen into of coming constantly to the Coast, by which their Markets have been glutted, there are two additional Reasons against sending an European ship thither, the first is the 10 per cent payable in China on their Cargoes, and the Necessity of coming away so early to save her Passage to Europe, of which the Chinese make their Advantage.

46. The Disappointments at Manilla have prevented their sending any Ship thither, their Bussero Ship has not sold half her Cargo and the Wars between the Turks and Persians give 'em little hopes of Success in those Parts. The Exactions on their Trade at Mocha make 'em almost despair of selling anything there, having this last year been obliged to pay near Sixteen per cent.

47. These two Ships and one to Syam with a Stock of 9000 Pagodas are all they have this year sent out, and if the hardships put upon the Trade at that Port are not taken off, shall be obliged to drop this Voyage.

48. Surat has been blocked up these two Seasons, which and the Disturbances inland, have prevented any Trade there, and for their inland Trade it is entirely disturbed by the Differences subsisting at the Court of Arcot, so that the scheme of Trade proposed by the Company is still as far off as at first.

49. Pursuant to their Promise last year, sent 30 Men to Tellicherry on the Request of the Chief & Council there. The French have only five Ships to India this year, of which, one to Myhie, one to China and three to the Coast & Bay with considerable Cargoes.

50. Have received a Complaint from Anjengo of one Captain Gale for buying Pepper within the Company's Limits and from Bombay of some Persons who have sold Ships to the Persians without Leave, their Sentiments & Answers to which are enter'd in Book of Letters sent.

51. A Fleet of Persians went up the Gulph to beseige Bussero, which occasioned the Bashaw to seize on the Royal George & Deane to send down against them and defeated 'em after four Days Engagement, upon enquiring strictly into the Conduct of their Supra Cargo's on this Occasion, find it was not in their Power to prevent it.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS & REVENUES.

52. Have set about no Buildings or Repairs since their last advices except laying another Row of Terrass Bricks on the Grainery and have cleansed the Tanks in the washing Town.

53. At Fort St. David have begun upon the General Repair of the Buildings, & have consented to allow the Paymaster the hire of a Palankeen to overlook the Workmen. The Powder Godown in the Fort being damp, have directed them to find means of making it useful and not repair that at Cuddalore.

54. In the Packet is an Account of the Cost of the Sea Gate. The Town Conicoply's Dutys shall be wrote off to Profit & Loss, though cannot help representing that is a Grant made by the Company many years ago to the Town for Embellishing and improving it.

55. If the Protestant Missionarys apply, shall give them a proper spot of ground to build a Church on.

56. Refer to their Books by this Ship, wherein is at large the several Remarks made and Directions given to Vizagapatam about their Revenues and Expences, shall only mention here that there stood a Debt in those Books of upwards of Ten Thousand Pagodas being the difference between what paid the Nabob and the produce of the Revenues there for 25 years which have ordered to be wrote off.

57. Have found so much trouble in circulating the M M Pagoda that have determined to lay them aside again, their Inducements hereto are laid down in their Consultations and have determined to charge the 5 per cent and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on Coral as formerly now those Pagodas are no longer insisted on, but shall however keep the additional $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent unappropriated 'till know the Company's Pleasure.

58. The badness of the Arcot Rupee which passes in Bengal for nine per cent Batty when the Madrass is intrinsically four per cent better passes only at ten it is not to be wondered at that the Company's servants as well as all others should choose to sell their Silver to the Merchants who coyn it in the Country Mints rather than in the Company's.

59. The old Chaise Horses being grown entirely useless, sold them at Outcry and have purchased another Pair for 200 Pagodas, have also bought a Persia Horse for 153 Pagodas.

60. Have appointed one of the Council to draw the Assay Peices of the Gold and Silver Coyns, send Musters by this Ship.

61. Have directed an addition of seven Carts to be made for cleansing the black Town.

62. Several Cowles have expired this year, among them the Beetle and Tobacco Farm which is relet at the old rate.

63. Egmore &c^{a}. Villages are also relet on the same terms excepting that have added two years to the Lease.

64. Have obtained an advance of 150 Pagodas per annum for the Measuring Farm, but the Town Brokers having lost by their Cowle, could get only seven instead of the old Rent of 800 Pagodas per annum.

65. The Arrack Farm at Fort St. David was refused by the old Renters and offered in vain to several others, 'tis therefore kept in the Company's hands 'till a better Opportunity.

66. Have indulged the Supra Cargoes of the Bengal Judda Ship to bring ashore some Bales that could not sell at Judda to shew the Merchants and to carry them aboard again Custom free, if could not sell them.

Sixthly, Factors, Writers, Officers, and their Accounts.

67. Mr. Pitt left this place 23th January and Mr. Benyon took the Government upon him immediately, assures the Company he will make it his Study to merit the Confidence reposed in him.

68. Mr. Torriano was also called to the Board to make up seven, have appointed him Rental General & Scavinger and Mr. John Savage Sub Secretary, Clerk of the Peace, Company's Sollicitor Clerk of Appeals and Coroner, and Mr. John Hammond under the Warehousekeeper.

69. Messrs. Brooke and Berriman at S^{t}. David and Mr. Thomas Day are dead, have order'd Robert Allen to S^{t}. David, have not hands enough therefore desire some Assistants.

70. The Company's approval of the Pains which Mr. Torriano took in transcribing the Swedish Papers is the greatest Encouragement he can have to go on discharging his Duty.

71. Mr. Charles Gee is dead at Bencoolen.

72. Messrs. Peers and Parkes's Bonds are delivered their Attorneys.

73. Mr. Amyand shall be recalled from the West Coast and have the first vacant Company, have made Roderick Forbes an Ensign in lieu of Mr. Steward and Abraham Rogers at Fort St. David in lieu of Mr. Buckberry who are both dead.

74. Have sent 20 of the Recruits' arrived this year to Fort St. David, the nineteen supernumerary Men which they now have, apprehend there is a Necessity of keeping them during the unsetled State of the Country.

75. Mr. Joseph Goddard's Covenants shall be executed as soon as Opportunity offers, but Mr. Manning Lethieullier being determined to go home has not signed his.

76. Have found out what became of the Silver & Effects sent out to Mr. James Dore in 1722, the produce whereof with a Bulse of Diamonds was sent by Mr. Elwick to Mr. John Rogerson.

77. Have heard that Mr. Palmer late Resident at Pegue has Effects in the Bay, have sent his Account Current there to recover the Ballance thereof.

78. If John Waterson appears among them, shall pursuant to order send him home.

79. Palmer the Soldier dyed at Bencoolen, the two Officers he complained of have cleared themselves.

80. Thankful for the Liberty granted them of remitting their Mony home via Bengal at the same Exchange indulged the Company's Servants there.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

81. Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange at the usual Rate:

£	300	—	—	payable to Captain John Kelsall.
,,	510	15	10¾	to Robert Allen.
,,	338	4	10¾	to Ditto.
,,	404	2	8½	to Judah Supino & Son.
,,	853	19	11	to Judah Supino & Son.
,,	325	8	—	to Ditto.
,,	303	11	8½	to Ditto.
,,	184	14	5	to Ditto.
,,	624	1	9	to Ditto.
,,	600	—	—	to Charles Benyon.
,,	600	—	—	to Charles Wybergh.
,,	120	—	—	to Charles Boddam.
,,	120	—	—	to Richard Wiatt.
,,	800	—	—	to Father Thomas de Poitiers.
,,	1600	—	—	to Ditto.
,,	2427	19	2½	to Isaac Salvador.
,,	468	19	5	to Ditto.
,,	2981	11	7¾	to Ditto.
,,	919	11	¼	to Ditto.
,,	1815	4	½	to James Porten.
,,	800	—	—	to John Turner.
,,	140	2	5	to Philip Dorey.
,,	103	8	2½	to Thomas Hall.
,,	200	—	—	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
,,	385	12	—	to Ditto.
,,	214	8	—	to Ditto.
,,	100	—	—	to Elizabeth Day.
,,	200	—	—	to Moses Henriques Julien.
,	176	11	—	to Ditto.

82. The two Bills for £2400 to the Order of Father Thomas de Poitiers are for Account of Mr. Lenoir late Governour of Pondicherry, whose Conduct has been such with regard to them, that they pray a due acceptance.

83. Beg to defer saying anything relating to the West Coast and other matters 'till the January Ships.

SUPPLEMENT.

84. Captain Hudson has taken in 1800 Bales which compleats his Tonnage, as his going directly home from hence is a great disappointment to him, recommend him to the Company's Favour.

85. The Prince of Orange's Invoice amounts to Pagodas 132698 : 5 : 76. The Captain's Register to 5570 & the St. Helena Goods to 209 : 14 : 12.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED DECEMBER 8, 1735. RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN THE 6TH. JULY 1736.

[*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 4, p. 118, India Office transcript.*]

In Consultation of this date is an Order for paying 6000 Pagodas to the President, which is the Sums presented the Nabob & Imaum Sahib on occasion of seizing the Effects belonging to the Ulrica Eleonora.

Judged it inconvenient to place this Sum to the Head directed in the Company's Letter, because it would not have kept the transaction secret, have therefore placed it to the Debit of Account Current London.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 13, 1736. RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN THE 6TH JULY 1736. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4 pp. 100-117 (India office transcript)*].

1. Wrote per Prince of Orange 30th September, dispatcht her the same time and sailed the 2d of October.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. Nassau arrived from Bencoolen 9th December, and brought 120 Tons Pepper, Commanders of her and Godolphin allow'd as much at half freight as can take in, the remainder shall send on September Ship.

3. Godolphin the only ship from Bengal, Nassau goes to St. Davids to fill up there, near a 1,000 Bales sent more than last year.

4. George is arrived from Bengal with Saltpetre opportunely to kintlage the Nassau and supplying her with 759 Baggs and Captain Steward 200, shall take Care to have enough from thence to kintlage the next years Ships.

5. Send separate Bills Lading for the Pepper & Saltpetre laden at half Freight.

6. The same Care has been taken as to Signals, Surveys and being clear.

7. Are advised from Malacca that the Richmond arrived there 6th December getting a Main Mast, having lost hers in a Storm.

8. Madrass Galley sailed for Fort Marlborough 2d October the George is taking in Goods for the Place, Mr. Lennox returns on her.

9. Committee appointed to examine into these vessells Accounts if any Savings in Charges can be made & addition to their Earnings, and to Compare them with Merchants Vessels of same burthen. Refer to their Report 6th January.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

10. Wrote to Bombay for 'em to supply the Richmond with Bullion, hear from Malacca she could not lay out her Silver at Canton, Gold being at 116.

11. Have received 10 Chests Silver from Bencoolen per Nassau, if not wanted for the Richmond, shall be coyned and sent early to Bengal.

12. Mint Ballance was cleared the 31st December.

13. Merchants paid 35,000 Pagodas for the Broad Cloth, the whole 1,000 Bales disposed of since the Prince of Orange sail'd. This Sale shews the Prejudice of indulging Commanders to bring out 20 Bales. Tomby Chitty could not sell a peice the former year till those same Parcells were all sold and none would venture to contract this year 'till assured the Captains had none.

14. Selling Broad Cloth to Merchants to be prefer'd to selling at Outcry. Company have a certain Profit, when all in one hand the Merchant makes some advantage, large quantitys lately sold to Persons concerned in the Government, the Consumption will be encreased thereby, 'tis probable might sometimes sell for a larger price at Outcry but it would be no more than for the present Demand, and no Sale could be made 'till a fresh Demand, have not been wanting for some years to press Tomby Chitty to sell, could not prevail he urging should be ruin'd though a large Profit was offer'd for a Part, and by wisely rejecting 'em and accepting a small Premium for the whole, he has clear'd his hands to those who can distribute it.

15. Shall put up at Outcry 800 Candys Lead this Month, beleive it will not fetch above 12 Pagodas, all last sold continuing on hand.

16. Send a Bar of Japan Copper and a peice of Quedah Tin, the Copper is prefer'd to all other Sorts for size and Ductility, the Dutch Standard Price on this Coast is 82 Pagodas per Candy of 520 lb, it sold this year in Bengal for 50 Current Rupees per Maund, the Tin sells at 30 to 33 Pagodas per Candy, the English is finer but too hard, will sell to advantage if expence not too great of reducing it to Goodness and Shape of the Sample now sent, Bengal and Surat more proper Markets for both these Commoditys.

17. The silver Lead from Bengal sold at last at 95 Pagodas per Candy.

18. Indents for Wares and Stores in the Packet as exactly calculated as possible for Expence of the year.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

19. The Deputy Governour & Council at St. Davids have [i]ndulged the Merchants in a Number 3 of Sallem Cloth, and being good, have further indulged them in a N°. 4 instead of sorting it to Long Cloth ordinary.

20. Andiapa's Sons Complaint about turned out Cloth occasioned by the sorters, just. The Porto Novo Investment is the only one where the Cloth is taken one with another which have at 42 Pagodas, is less than Sallem No. 3 received here and at Fort St. Davids. Turned out Cloth not fit for Europe, shall be sent to Bencoolen, torn and damaged shall be sold as soon as there is any Demand for Paintings.

21. Vizagapatam Investment reduced to 300 Bales, but the Cloth is improved, hope another year to encrease the Quantity and improve the Fabrick.

22. Have received from Ingeram 400 Bales, but not well cured, shall rewash the worst and direct the fault to be mended.

23. Send 500 pieces Izzarees by these Ships, but Ginghams so much cheaper, design not to order any Izzarees from Ingeram next year, but instead thereof make an addition of 500 pieces to their Contract for white Ginghams.

24. Send some 40 and 50 Covid Bettellees better than Muster, if a better Sort's wanted will contract for 'em.

25. Some Sannoes and Baftaes received from Bengal, the first will be ready to send on one of these ships, but doubt whether shall be able to get the Baftaes printed, beleive the Spriggs must be drawn as the Madrass Chints are but not so expensive, desire Patterns annually from England.

26. Have sent striped Ginghams blue and red ordinary instead of fine, are since told a finer sort would have done better.

27. Redwood for two years past indifferent, the woods almost worn out.

28. Cotton in Bengal risen to 18 Rupees per Maund, none imported from the Northward 'till October after all the ships were gone.

29. Hope the Number of Bales sent this year more than last will Convince that this Branch of the Company's Business has been principally in their Thoughts. No Amendment in the quality of the coarser sorts, the Weavers are poor, will not sett to work till the Gomasta has supplyed them with Cotton Yarn and Rice to support their Families, or Mony for both, and if the Gomastah does not attend very close to take the peice of Cloth off the Loom, the Weaver sells it for ready Mony, if the Gomastah complains to the Hovildar, the Weaver pleads poverty, and the Hovildar says Necessity has no Law, so the Merchants are very glad to receive such Cloth as their Gomastahs send them. The Number of Buyers interfere too much with one another. The new Petta erected last year is encreased beyond what could expect, 230 Familys being settled there, is of great use already in the finer sorts of Goods, the coarse Cloths obstructed by the Difference of the Duty on Cotton Yarn which amounts to upwards of 8 per cent. Endeavouring to get a Taukeed at Arcot to pass all Cotton & Cotton Yarn free of Juncan, but the Government jealous of setting up Manufactures to prejudice their Rents in the Country. Some of their Merchants

Cloth 40 Days upon the Road, should be glad to introduce the Manufacture nearer. Merchants sprinkle some Mony in the Moors Towns, but almost despair of Success. Great Men at Arcot Erect Towns, endow 'em with Priviledges, call 'em after their own Names, but after a while a Notion prevails that an additional Tax may be raised, the People bear it as long as they can, but the Weavers when disgusted leave lighted Lamps in their Houses and remove to some other part of the Country, so that whole Towns are deserted in a Night.

30. Should be glad if could make Contracts without large advances of Mony, Sunca Rama's Family & the Chittees were out in the Service, vanity more than Interest has attached them to the Company, beleive the Mony secure, but best pleased when no risk is run, no Men left of Substance or Credit enough to carry on Investment without advances, but if there were, the Company must keep the same Stock to pay for Cloth as it comes in, and the Cloths perhaps cheaper by this Method, if the Merchant advances the Mony he wou'd consider Interest in the Price of Cloth.

31. The French will not send above 2000 Bales home this year and less the next for want of Mony, they borrowed 85000 Pagodas of the Shroffs at Arcot, Last Loan they requested was 60000 but got only 20000.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

32. The Dutch have received the Satisfaction a Squadron was sent to obtain at Manilla, so hope to have Remains of Royal George's Cargo this Season, the Galleon is lost, her Treasure saved, so the Market will not be effected.

33. Dutch have had bad success in China and Japan Trade, one of the latter lost all her Masts, throw'd most of her Cargo over board, came into Canton to refit and returns to Batavia, one China ship lost and all her Men except the Captain, Mr. Abbis Supra Cargo and nine Sailors.

34. When the President came to the Chair he receiv'd the usual Serpaw from the Nabob, with others from the great Men, and consequently the Returns more than when the Nabob sent only one, Endeavour'd to avoid 'em to no Purpose, as also the visit intended by them, but they pressed it to Create a Friendship, it is beleived the Nabob's son will succeed him. Subdarally Cawn and Chunda Saib with Cawn Bahauder came down with Imaun Sahib in October, were directed by the latter in what manner to receive them, and a List of Broad Cloth prepared by him and designed as a Present was read in the Consultation Room before all their Officers, he intimated it was only to give a Figure to the thing and would not be accepted, afterwards they retired with the President and desired to be excused accepting the Present, protesting they came to make a friendly visit, so got clear for a small matter, Presents came to Pagodas 830 : 29 : 77, and Provisions for 'em to 1105 : 24 : 53, including the usual Present to Imaun Sahib, got off exceeding cheap, not any Persons of their Rank came down since Doud Cawn near thirty years ago.

35. The President requested some Grants of them to be free of Dutys collected at the Mettas on some Articles to relieve the poor Inhabitants. Two other Articles are yet in suspense, namely, the permitting Cotton and Cotton Yarn to be brought from the Country free of juncan, and Satisfaction for 500 Pagodas taken from a St. Davids Merchant's Servant who was murther'd, such an accident is very rare, and several People are taken up and carryed to Arcot.

36. They brought down no more Troops than 1500 Horse and 5000 Foot, most of them were quarter'd about St. Thome', Nabob's son was lodged at Mr. Lewis de Medeiro's house within half a mile of the town, the great Men behaved with a Politeness and Exactness very remarkable, but Military under no manner of Descipline, were glad to be rid of such troublesome Neighbours, but in other respects not displeased with their coming. Tomby Chittee finished a Contract with them for Broad Cloth to the amount of 50000 Pagodas and the Army laid out 50000 pagodas more in Bengal and other Goods that had laid in Town some years, they had 30

Candies of Powder and two Mortars, they are now on their March with 10000 Horse and 20000 Foot against the kings of Tanjore and Mysore and the Queen of Trichanapoly who offer'd eleven Millions of Pagodas to be excused the Visit which would not content 'em, both Armies are now in the Field.

37. Nabob's son receiv'd a Patent from the Mogul conferring on him the rank and Titles of his Uncle the old Nabob, and the Son in Law new Titles, shall congratulate them with a present of 2 pair of pistolls and some Rose Water, such Presents necessary to keep up their Figure and preserve respect, being on good Terms with them of great service in distant provinces.

38. A proper person was placed near the great Men as they passed by Chindadre Petta to point out the situation of it, that it was manifestly within Bounds, and to represent the design was Charity to employ poor People, think shall not be troubled about it from the Country Government, and the place promises to be of use. especially if can get Cotton Yarn free of Duncan. Have paid the Undertakers the remainder of 2000 Pagodas per Contract.

39. Had some little Disputes at St Davids about the Mole at Trevendaporum, but are settled by Imaun Sahib's Means.

40. Various reports about the Great Mogul Mahomud Shaw, of being imprisoned and his son placed on the Throne, and likewise that he is dead, no advice from Bengal so think nothing in 'em.

41 In the late Famine some Washers were taken up for stealing Cloth, thought not proper to bring 'em to the Sessions, had determined to send them to Bencoolen, but Grain growing more plenty the Heads of the Washers requested their Discharge offering to pay the Expence of their Maintenance, as Necessity led 'em to such a course, were not willing to disgust so useful a set of men.

42. Some Persons guilty of a crime proceeding from vicious Inclinations, have sent 'em to Bencoolen.

43. Desired the gentlemen in Bengal to insert a Clause in the Passes they give to Ships going out agreeable to the Orders sent by the Company, they answer'd if the Ships touched at other Ports, should pay the same Customs as if they imported here.

44. Last Year's scarcity of Grain made worse by Engrossers, were induced the beginning of last Season to think of some Means to prevent the like, the President order'd an exact account to be kept at the public Banksalls what Grain was daily disposed of &c^{a}., which alarm'd the Engrossers who instill'd into the Importers that these last would be obliged to sell by Retail, and the Government in the case of scarcity would fix a price, they guessed pretty right and would not buy in Quantitys in order to make Importers uneasy with a tedious Sale, and to get rid of the above Check, prevail'd on some northern Merchants to Import their Vessells at St. Thome' and the Merchants left the Town, during whose Absence most of the Northern Vessells went thither. The Resentment show'd to two Merchants had so good an Effect that the Owners of the rest sent orders to their vessels to come immediately hither. The Importers continued tollerably easy 'til April, when some of them endeavour'd to engage the President in a Dispute with the Country Government on denying 'em to trade to St. Thome' and pretended to the Havildar that Boats with soldiers forced them away from St. Thome' and likewise to the President that the same Means detained the rest of the Boats there, thô no truth in either. The Merchants not being able to go through with their scheme ordered their vessels into Madrass, and so the Dispute ended.

45. Being informed overland there was a Famine in Bengal (althô supplyed with a large quantity of Rice in September from thence) agreed for a Quantity to be bought for the Company to be brought from Naugure not to enhance the Market, after which the Bengal ships Imported an unexpected Quantity which the Merchants hurrying to get rid of before the new Crop in January fell the Price, so that the Company may be Losers this year. The middle of last Month no more Grain in the Place except the Companys than sufficient for 15 Days, but the Secret so well kept the Market was not affected, may hope for a plentiful supply by Sea.

46. Their Conduct so clear, cannot be prejudiced in the Companys Esteem, but the Age so full of Scandal it is necessary to guard against the suggestions of the wicked.

47. Paddy is at 18 Mercal per Pagoda, the Military and Peons are supplyed at fifteen for this year, who are easy, having it at the same Price in the dearer Season.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

48. Have been obliged to repair the Bridges to keep open the Intercourse with the Country, repeat their Request about having the Town Conicoply's Duty renew'd.

49. Have order'd the Scavinger to survey all the Wells and repair the publick ones, and oblige private persons to do the same, a Child being drowned in one even with the surface of the ground.

50. Customs encreased this year though the Pegue ships lost their Passage and no ship gone to Manilla though the Trade and Circumstances of the Place not mended, Consumption of the Place in Grain 200000 Pagodas per Annum, and Labour a quarter part of that summ. No forreign Trade so gainful to pay for the difference, so the Inhabitants Substance drawing out daily. Inhabitants much encreased of late years chiefly of the poorer sort, to be less miserable than in the Country. Forreign trade must mend to support 'em though all the markets abroad discouraging, and their own little better, the Country too much harrassed and impoverished to afford any Expence beyond the Necessarys of Life, Coral and Grain have swell'd the Sea Customs.

51. Saltfarmer complains he cannot dispose of the usual quantity, and which his Cowle obliges him to supply the Shipping at five Pagodas per Garce, Saltworks being sett up to the Southward and northward where foreign ships get it at 3 Pagodas, desire Directions hereupon.

52. Established one general Register for Houses and Lands and allowed six months to bring in Titles, which being elapsed, not above 1500 Houses have been entered, beleive several Persons have lost their Titles or never had any other than possession, among the latter they reckon several Inclosures to the Northward of the Town made since the building of the Batterys in Mr. Collet's time, for which no regular Grants were taken, on paying some Consideration to the Company to resume 'em for want of an original Grant would be a Grievance and turn many a starving: propose to allow six months longer and to confirm those in Possession; but shall establish a Committee of Council to go round the Bounds and examine into all Encroachments on the Companys property and Estate, shall allow to build on very reasonable Terms to encrease Inhabitants and guard against the richer sort of People possessing themselves of these Lands and parcelling 'em to the poor on such severe Terms as hindering their coming.

53. The Merchants uneasy at paying 5 per cent on turn'd out Cloth, have released them from it and established Land Custom and Dustore on the same foot it was 'till 1725. Instead of paying $2\frac{1}{4}$ on Goods for Europe which they ought to have paid and in the old Method did really pay, of late they paid only $1\frac{1}{4}$ but can't find out the meaning of it, so that Complying with their Request will be a benefit to the Company, but if any Fraud is attempted, shall put a Stop to it.

54. The Land Customs encreased about 1000 pag°: in the Year, Fort St. Davids decreased 550 Pag°:

55. Expences considerably decreased in Repairs of Fortifications and Charges extraordinary and General those two run high in 1733 by the President's going to St. Davids and Porto Novo Expedition.

56. Expences at Vizagapatam and Ingeram running higher than usual, refer to their Accounts.

57. The old Plate being worn out, have exchanged it for new weight for weight, though the greatest part of the new is new standard, on the ballance there was about 300 Pagodas more of the new than the old.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

53. Mr. James Say dead, Mr. Colebrooke went home on Prince of Orange, Mr. Wodworth goes per Nassau, 15 Covenant Servants only under the Council so were obliged to entertain Mr. Richard Starke and Mr. John Cooke monthly writers who write good hands, and from their good Behaviour recommend 'em.

59. Mr. Berriman dyed insolvent, his Debt to the Company arose from advances as Paymaster and Cloth deliver'd him for the Military, refer to Letters and Consultations relating thereto, and shall do their utmost to recover it.

60. Mr. Goddard under the Storekeeper, Mr. Appleby Sub Accountant, Mr. Denny under the Rental Gen^{l}., Mr. Starke in the Secretary's Office and Mr. Cooke under the Import Warehousekeeper.

61. A Certificate sent from Bencoolen for Dollars 828—2—24 or Pag^{o}: 552: 13: 35 on account of Mr. Oaker's Estate passed to Account Currant Londons Credit.

62. Mr. Amyand is come from Fort Marlborough and has a Commission, Military consists of only 151 Europe Centinels, hope a supply will be annually continued.

63. Mr. William Douglas Surgeon's Mate attacked with a Distemper that noth^{g}: but a Change of Clymate can releive him, takes passage on the Godolphin, recommend him to have liberty to return if he recovers.

64. Servants of Age were before 'em in order to sign their Indentures and be sworn the 10th instant, Mr. Edward Michell signed, the rest are willing to do it but at a Loss to name Securitys but promised to write to their Friends.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

65. Have drawn several Bills of Exchange, the major part of them for Coral, have ventur'd to draw the rest having sent all the Silver to Bengal, in Expectation of larger Summs for Coral, but being sold out of time the Mony will not be receiv'd till Sept^{r}:, before which, shall want Mony if the Investment goes on as expect.

. . .	£	550	— —	payable to William Douglas.
	,,	250	— —	to Charles Hunter
	,,	280	— —	to John Turner
	,,	720	— —	to Charles Wybergh
	,,	192	— —	to Nathaniel Elwick
	,,	1585	19 4	to George Morton Pitt
	,,	480	— —	to Robert Adams
	,,	80	— —	to Rich^{d}: Wiat
	,,	100	— —	to Charles Monson
	,,	400	— —	to Mons^{r}: Dumas
	,,	357	— 4½	to John Henry Mertins
	,,	100	— —	to Wm Tullie or John Tullie
	,,	200	— —	to Sarah Bourchier
	,,	1600	— —	to Heron Hart
	,,	100	— —	to James Fordham
	,,	100	— —	to Margaret Graham
	,,	40	— —	to John & Michael Ennis
	,,	500	— —	to John Roach
	,,	80	— —	to John Hubbard
	,,	80	— —	to William Colebrooke
	,,	190	14 6	to Tho^{s}: Hall & Will: Wood
	,,	551	15 4	to Jacob Abenator Pemental
	,,	425	5 7	to Moses Espinoza
	,,	40	— —	to Charles Hudson

£	459	1	½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
,,	374	13	9½	
,,	602	7	9¼	
,,	342	11	7	
,,	1020	19	4	
,,	1524	19	4	
,,	2058	14	2½	
,,	711	—	6½	
,,	1673	5	8¾	
,,	762	11	4	to Peter Meyer & Company
,,	819	2	6½	to David Gomesserra
,,	1634	3	4½	to Judah Supino & Son
,,	741	17	11	
,,	850	12	8	
,,	378	2	2¾	
,,	1711	12	½	to Isaac Salvador
,,	2361	16	10	
,,	1741	15	8	
,,	408	4	—	
,,	724	18	11¼	to Jn: Anthony & Henry Loubier and Co.
,,	445	11	2½	to Anthony Da Costa
,,	380	13	5	to Jacob Dias
,,	707	13	6	to Ditto
,,	628	1	1½	to Isaac Salvador
,,	1164	16	9	to James Porten
,,	530	8	—	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
,,	344	—	—	
,,	464	8	—	
,,	261	4	—	
,,	1400	—	—	to Anthony Da Costa
,,	140	19	11	to Ditto
,,	500	—	—	to Thomas Weston
,,	320	—	—	to Elizabeth Torriano
,,	850	8	11¼	to Alex^{r}: Bennet & Jacob Fernandes Nunes
,,	100	—	—	to Daniel Morse
,,	1000	—	—	to Sir Charles Peers
,,	100	—	—	to Hugh Watson
,,	128	8	1½	to Ralph Wistler
,,	731	6	½	to John Emmerson & Edmund Godfrey
,,	499	2	6¾	to Anthony Da Costa
,,	500	—	—	to Nicholas Morse & Wm. Monson
,,	50	—	—	to Nathaniel Gould

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

67. George will be dispatched in a few days, the Order thither shall be advised per Nassau. Ships from England sometimes arrive late on that Coast and the Weather proves tempestuous whereby the Ship designed from thence to the Coast & Bay cannot gain her Passage to Madrass till December as was the Nassau's case, had Captain Hutchinson gone the Southern Passage he had reached Zeloan so as to get to Bengal in October, but it had not been prudent to venture in at Madrass at that time. Offer it to the Company's Consideration if the Ship is not dispatched early enough from Bencoelen to reach Madrass 1st September which the Captain must know when got the Length of Zeyloan that he be directed to bear away to the Bay. This appears so much for the Company's Interest shall venture to give Directions accordingly.

NINTHLY, TOUCHING THE NEW CHARTER.

68. Mr. Naish having resigned in Court the Office of Mayor, Mr. John Sanders was elected and sworn.

69. An Execution against Sunca Rama's effects was apply'd for to the Court without Effect, so the Court of Appeals, to support their Decrees, granted a Warrant to the Sherriff to Levy the Amount, which was executed, and shortly after Sunca Rama dyed of an Imposthume in the Thigh, there appears very few Assets, most of his houses and Gardens being mortgaged, if the Mayors Court will not grant an Execution and there is not a power in the Court of Appeals to do it, the injured can nowhere have redress.

70. To let the Court see thay must not act with Impunity for ever, prefer'd a Charge against 'em which they answered in a joint Capacity which think a mean Performance and have proceeded no further, a dislike to the Office being grown General, had any been removed could not pitch on a Man to supply the vacancy.

71. Have remitted the fynes for not serving on a Petit Jury and released the Sherriff from several imposed on him by the Mayors Court for not Complying with an Order directly opposite to an established Rule of the Government, have also released Terwaddee a Guzzerat from a Fyne imposed for not giving Evidence, though by his Cast is tyed up from swearing.

72. Inhabitants of all Casts often complained of their Differences being decided by English Laws, directed 'em to agree upon some Rules to determine 'em which they have done in a Petition which comes in the Packet, beleive they are empowered to Grant it the substance being reasonable and necessary, little wanting but some Rules and Restrictions to prevent Excess, shall Endeavour to settle it as will be most conducive to the Ease, Good and Quiet of the Place.

TENTHLY, TOUCHING THE ULRICA ELEONORA.

73. Hear she is arrived at Gottenburgh, are surprized the French Company do not approve of the Proceedings against her in the same manner as the English Company does.

74. Have lately received Advice from Fort St. David that the Broad Cloth is touched with a worm, to prevent further Damage, have determined to bring it up hither and sell it at Outcry.

SUPPLEMENT.

75. This Ship's Invoice amounts to Pagodas 48878 : 5 : 30. no Goods for St. Helena, being supplyed from Bengal ; the Captain has register'd Pagodas 3120 : 18 : have given him a certificate for 1250 pagodas paid into Cash Register of Bills in return for Coral 75134 : 34 : 14, Register Diamonds 8114 : 9 : 58.

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RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN
THE 6TH JULY 1736.

FORT GENERAL, DATED
13TH JANUARY 1735-6.

Since closing the Packet of this date, have drawn another sett of Bills in favour of Mr. Manning Lethieullier for £1600.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 30, 1736. RECEIVED PER NASSAU, 13TH AUGUST 1736. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 118–120. (India office transcript)*].

1. Godolphin sailed the 14th Instant and this ship Nassau having taken in 1158 Bales sailed to St. Davids the 21th to fill up.

2. Nassau was regularly surveyed and Directions given to St. Davids to see that the full Complement of Men and Warlike Stores are on board.

3. Bills of Lading for Saltpetre and Pepper at half freight are in the Packet and Bills of Lading for the rest of the Cargo will be sent from St. David.

4. Eight hundred Candys of Lead sold at Outcry & produced Pag^{o}: 12 : 11 : 76¼ per Candy in an average.

5. Received per Sloop Mary 420 Baggs Saltpetre, are in want still of near 1000 Baggs to kintlage next September ships which are expected in March.

6. Indentures for servants returned viz^{t}. Charles Simpson proposes for security Martin Graven & William Simpson.

John Stratton proposes Jn : Roach & Eliz^{a}: Stratton.
Holland Goddard..... Jn^{o}: & James Goddard.
John Hammond..... Fra^{s}: Hugonin & Tho^{s}: Turner.
William Johnson..... G. Morton Pitt & Jn^{o}. Wheake.
John Savage..... Jos^{a}: Savage & Geo : Savage.

7. If any of them should refuse to enter into Obligations, will nominate others in their stead.

8. In the Letter per George to the West Coast, have directed Bricks and Chunam to be prepared to lay the Foundation of a house at Moco Moco, and shall get ready all the Wood Work at Madrass to be sent them by the first Opportunity that it may be lasting and durable. The Buildings in General so decayed the whole Factory must be rebuilt, a Plan sent in the Packet of what's necessary, and desire Directions.

9. Great Loss sustained at the West Coast by the Arrack and Sugar Plantation, upwards of 1700 Dollars per annum for two years past, so directed 'em to be sparing in Advances of Mony, and to take off part of the Slaves 'till the Company send Orders about the Plantation, are of Opinion it's a great Expense and will never answer. As to its supplying Arrack always in the Place that may easily be done from Madrass or Batavia with what is wanted.

10. The promising scituation of Affairs on the West Coast requires Care to keep them so, and to that End have given Liberty to draw Bills on Madrass when really in want of Mony, what induced them hereto is the News receiv'd of a War between Portugal and Spain, and that Sir John Norris with 25 sail was gone to protect the Brazil Fleet, and that it was not doubted England would be a party in the War.

11. The great Debt from Cunsum Lingana at Vizagapatam desperate ever since the year 1714 Mr. Hastings never paid it, Mr. Sanderson's Thoughts of the Debts there in his Letter dated 12th October 1734 just. The rise of them was so long ago before any of 'em was of Council cannot be particular about 'em, of Opinion are totally irrecoverable, desire permission to write off Cunshum Lingana's, Budda Narran's Son's as well as Pag°: 228: 14: 21 due from John Blunt's Estate, and two small Debts due from Budda Narso & Baugra Punda.

12. Capt: Hutchinson touch'd only at the West Coast and arrived at Madrass in the dead Season, met with a poor Sale and therefore recommend him to Company's Favour.

13. Indented by the Godolphin for some fowling Peices & Pistols for Presents, and now desire six large Telescopes, ten peices Brocades, six peices Broad Cloth superfyne all red on one side & blue on the other, six peices red & yellow, six peices red & Green, six Cases Cristal Bottles for Cordial Waters with Cups and Funnels.

14. Coja Petrus would have 'em indent for some Gold & Silver Toys but cannot describe 'em, the Grandees at Arcot are falling into a new Tast.

15. Desire Twenty more blank Indentures to be filled up here.

16. The two Bales Sannoes chank'd sent per Nassau, it makes the Cloth more beautiful but helps to rot it.

17. Desire acceptance of the following Bills:

£40 — — pay^{a}: to Nicolas Morse
£40 — — ..... to Cha^{s}: & Edmund Boehm
£257 11 10 ... to John Campbell

18. In the Packet comes a Reg^{r}; of Garnets amounting to Pag^{s}: 3127: 2:— Invoice and Capt^{s}: Register will be advised from St. David, Inv°: to St. Helena Pago: 196: 34: 3.

Rich^{D}: Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Aug^{s}: Burton.
Nic: Morse.
Fra^{s}: Rous.
Will: Monson.
George Torriano.

Abstract of General Letter to the Company, dated October 1, 1736. Received per Prince William 10th May 1737. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 152–164. (India office transcript)*].

1. Wrote last Season under Date 30th Sept^{r}. 13th & 30th of January, and Fort St. David sent one of the 4th February 1735–6.

2. The Letters received from the Company this year are of the 12th Dec^{r}. 23th January & 6th February with two from Mr. Secretary Mole of the 6th & 7th February, to which shall reply in part by this ship, deferring the rest till January.

First concerning Shipping.

3. The Ships sent out this year for Coast & Bay arrived and sailed as follows:

	arrived	sailed
Defence	26 June	5 July
Hallifax	1 July	13 D°.
Grantham	14 D°.	22 D°.
Haeslingfield	15 D°.	3 August
Pelham	26 D°.	18 D°.
Shaftsbury	7 August	2 Sept^{r}.
Prince William	D°.	

4. As the Defence brought no Packet for this Place, they demanded of the Captain his reasons for coming in here, who answered that it was owing to the Inability of his Ship's Company, and on receipt of the Comp^{s}. Commands by the Hallifax they enquired of him whether he could take in any Redwood, to which he reply'd that he had no room.

5. As soon as the Hallifax and Grantham had landed what they had for this Presidency and each of them had received on board 30 Tons Redwood, they proceeded for Bengal, the Haeslingfield, Pelham and Shaftsbury were obliged to detain till their Rup^{s}. were ready, which brought them under their Dispatches.

6. Compton arrived Bengal 21th June, and would be dispatcht thence the 10th October to the West Coast.

7. Pelham and Shaftsbury carryed 180 Tons Redwood to Bengal, the early ships so full, that with Difficulty they took their Charterparty Quantity.

8. If the Normanton comes hither from China, the Orders concerning her shall be complyed with, have sent a Price Currant of China Goods at this Port to the Supra Cargoes at Canton.

9. Hear the Britannia would take in a full Lading of Coffee at Mocha, her Commander Capt^{n}: Frognall dyed at Mocha the 21th July.

10. The Harrington was not arrived at Bombay the 17th August but two tall ships were seen standing in, which they take to have been the Wyndham and Lynn.

11. Shall have due regard to the Company's Orders not to put on board the homeward bound Ships any surplus Tonnage unless Requested for at half Freight, and when have a sufficient quantity Saltpetre shall grant the Captains Request for what they ask for above the Charterparty Kintlage, through want of which, were obliged to refuse Captain Langworth's Request for 20 Tons.

12. Shall recommend to the Commanders the Rules laid down to prevent such accidents by Fire as happen'd to the Ockham.

13. Enclosed in the Packet comes an Account of what this Ship landed here, and a manifest of Captain Langworth's private trade.

14. If any of the Commanders dye, shall use Endeavours to prevent Loss to the Companys Estate on account of the Summs lent them on Bottomree.

15. Madrass Galley arrived from the West Coast 16th February, and the 20th the William Sloop with Petre from Bengal, the former were obliged to Employ in an Expedition to the Mallabar Coast for Reasons mentioned under the 4th Head.

16. Dispatcht the Madrass Galley to Vizagapatam the 2d June with 3000 new Madrass Pagodas and the Ballance of Rup^{s}. in their Warehouse, from thence she was sent to the Bay, and arrived thence the 18th Sept^{r}. with 180 Baggs Saltpetre and some packing stuff.

17. The Comp^{s}. Ship George arrived from the West Coast the 11th Sept^{r}. with 60 Tons Pepper, with which they dispatched her the 14th to the Bay that it might be shot loose in the Ships dispatched from thence. As beleived the Comp^{s}. Servants at the West Coast would not have sent this Pepper, if had expected two such large Ships as the Compton and Duke of Lorrain, they wrote to Bengal to load 2 or 300 Bales of Goods on the Compton as part of her Europe Cargo.

18. The Necessity of the Service on the West Coast obliges 'em to keep the George and Galley as a Load on the Comp^{s}. Estate, the nature of their Employs so poor, that it is not near an equivalent to their Charge. Watering ships as in Europe to discover if they are leaky, is a Method not known to any of their Builders who have very little Judgement or Experience.

19. The Masters of both vessels have given in very exact accounts how their stores have been expended. The sums charged for dyeting Soldiers is four fanams a head per Diem, it would cost more to lay in provisions for them.

20. Shall use their best endeavours to send every year a Ship fully loaden in September.

21. The Duke of Lorrain was not arrived at the West Coast the 6th August, two China Ships were at Batavia the beginning of June, but their Names not known.

22. Dispatched the Madrass Gally to Vizagapatam the 21th with a Supply of Gunpowder.

SECONDLY, CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

23. Received a general direction from Bengal to Coyn about half the quantity of Bullion that is yearly designed for that Presidency. That on the Defence, Hallifax and Grantham not being consigned them, was carry'd down without landing here: of the Treasure consigned them, reserve 40 Chests for the Normanton, the rest they coyned and sent 888000 Rupees on the Haeslingfield, Pelham and Shaftsbury, the remaining 53593 shall send to Vizagapatam.

24. The large Summs they drew on the Company at 8s. the Pagoda was to ease Bengal of a large Sum they had at Interest.

25. The Price of Silver varys here as well as other Commodities, and £30 or £40000 to be bought or sold will rise and fall the Price considerably.

26. The Madeira Wine by the Pelham lost by Leakage two Pipes out of fifty, the whole produced at Outcry 2022 Pagodas, begg a Continuance of 50 or 60 Pipes yearly.

27. After keeping the 10 Chests of Bullion, brought by the Nassau from the West Coast, till the 10th May for the Richmond in case she called here, tho^{t}. it better to send it down uncoyn'd to Bengal than keep it here any longer.

28. Have sent this year to Manilha under Tomby Chitty's Mark and Name 50 Bales blue Broad Cloth.

29. The Copper consign'd 'em this year sent to the Bay.

30. In the Packet is their Indent for Broad Cloth. Shall dispose of the Quantity receiv'd per last Ships, of which shall give on Account in January.

31. Have sent per Prince William some useless Guns and Armoury Stores.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

32. It is with a sensible Concern that are obliged to acquaint the Comp^{a}. of the Disappointments have met with in the Investments this year.

33. The Continuance of the War to the Southw^{d}. has occasion'd great Confusion in the Cloth Countrys, and a great Backwardness in the Merchants to trust their Mony in the Weavers hands, besides, that these Troubles having hindred the Communication between several Parts of the Country, has prevented the usual supplys of Cotton & Grain: At the same time the French entered into very large Contracts with their Merchants, it was a considerable time before their Merchants here or at Fort St. Davids would hearken to any reasonable Terms. Theirs were first brought to a Complyance and afterwards those at Fort St. Davids, but with more difficulty.

34. Molinga Kistna & his partners have been of good Service to them & complyed with their promises, which is more than can say of Tomby Chitty & his Partners tho under Contract for their performance, and from their Scituation hold it better for the present to help them to mend their Faults than force them by any rough means to encrease them.

35. One Ponnapa Chitty has offered his Service, have advanced him some Mony and received some Cloth, but shall defer saying anything more of him, 'till see more of his performance.

36. The Mony advanced him and their other Merchants beleive they may be trusted with, but it must be larger Advances that will Enable them to carry on their Business with Spirit.

37. As Tomby Chitty & the Fort St. David Merchants have failed in their promises, has necessitated them to depend upon the Northern Settlements to compleat the Tonnage of this Ship.

38. The French dispatch but one Ship for France this Month w^{ch}. will have but 800 Bales Call^{s}. and is to be filled up with Coffee and Pepper.

39. Finding should be under Difficulties to give this Ship her Tonnage they consented to take in abo^{t}. 100 Bales of turn'd out midling Cloth, and is distinguished in the Invoice by a ✠

40. By this Ship send some more Soot Romals, for the future shall send only blues, and better care shall be taken of the Dye.

41. Andiapah of Porto Novo's last Cloth so bad, were obliged to turn a great deal of it out, he would not continue providing for them any longer. Likely the Troubles in the Country to the Southward made him more indifferent, w^{ch}. when over, may Engage him again, which shall be glad of as his Circumstances are good, and therefore to be trusted with large Summs, some of his Cloth complained of by this Ship is distinguished by a ✠

42. Are likely to meet with a disappointment at Vizagapatam as well as from the other Subordinates.

43. After writing to Bengal to Load 100 Tons Bale Goods on the Compton to help out with the Pepper she was to receive at the West Coast, they received Copy of the Comp^{s}. Letter to that Settlement wherein was directed 300 Tons Saltpetre to be loaded on her, so that wrote a subsequent Letter to the Bay, sett^{s}. forth there would be no occasion for Bale Goods.

44. But for the use of the West Coast they indented for the Sorts of Quantitys of piece Goods usually sent thither, as well as Oyl, Gunny Baggs & Twine to be sent on the Compton.

45. Fort Marlbrô shall have Directions to send hither what Pepper they may have on hand more than what sent to Europe: as for the Rice, it will not keep and is too dear to yield any profit.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

46. Advised per Godolphin that the Nabob's sons were gone to the Southward ag^{t}. the Jentue Princes, their Success ag^{t}. Tritchanopoly & Tanjore has been an entire Conquest of those Countrys, and they are now marched against Misore: The Army hav^{s}. been all this year in the Field, has very sensibly affected the Trade of their Merchants.

47. Their Nabob has been about a month at Allumparra 30 Miles on this side Pondicherry, hope in a few days he will return directly to Arcot, but if he removes nearer to them, it will cost the Comp^{a}, from 4 to 500 pagodas.

48. The English Country Trade so bad, not one of the Ships sent abroad last year return'd 'em principal, such of their ships as could not be sold, have sent to Pegue and Bengal to fetch Rice & Lumber, except one to Manilha chiefly Freighted by the Natives.

49. Mons^{r}. Dumas & Council of Pondicherry are sending three Ships and a Bomoketch with 300 Soldiers to demand of the Mocha Government.

50. Lord Kinnoul has sent 'em a Letter relat^{s}. to the Trade carryed on by the English to the Turkish Ports in the Red Sea & Gulph of Persia, their Consultations & Letters will shew what they thought they were empowered to do without the Company's previous Consent.

51. In the Consultations of 19th April & 3d Sept^{r}. is a Detail of their Proceedings upon two Affairs, and desire Directions for their Conduct in future.

52. Five French ships have arrived Pondicherry from France this Season, two gone to Bengal, one going to Mocha, one bound home and the 5th gone to Mergy.

53. The 21th February received a General Letter from Bombay desiring a Force to be sent to the relief of Tellicherry, where they Daily expected to be attacked by the Carnatick Rajah, therefore immediately order'd a Draught out of their Garrison of 69 Men, one half went on the Gally, and the other in a Snow hired for that Purpose at 150 Pagodas per Mensem, the latter could not weather Ceylon & return'd hither the 19th April.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

54. Have set about no new Buildings this year, what little matters have been necessary, shall mention particularly in their next.

SIXTHLY FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

55. Mr. Henry Lowther late Chief of Surat with Messrs. Robinson and Ramsden take their Passage on this Ship, the former arrived at Pondicherry in a French ship, upon which they made a Demand of him, but the Governor & Council of Pondicherry refused to deliver him up but upon Condition he should be permitted to take Passage for England on the first Ship, and Mr. Lowther having assured them that he had no other Intention but to submit his Conduct to the Judgement of the Company, they Resolved to Consent to his Request.

56. Mr. Geo: Torriano's Health not permitting him to officiate any longer as Secretary, they appointed Mr. John Savage in his Room.

57. The 26th July they appointed the Employs to the Council as follows:

Mr. Randall Fowke, Account^{t}. & Sea Customer
Augustus Burton, Warehousekeeper
Nicholas Morse, Paymaster
Francis Rous, Land Customer
Wm. Monson, Imp^{t}. Warehousekeeper
George Torriano, Storekeeper, Rental Gen^{l}. & Scavinger.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

58. Have placed the follow^{g}. Summs to the Credit of Account Currant London.

	Pag^{s}.
On Account the Estate of Edw^{d}. Latham ...	375 : 34 : 7.
Estate of William Page	302 : 32 : 32.
Estate of Alexander Smith	26 : 16 : 64.

59. Shall not be able to give such an account of the produce of Coral as directed, because the Traders at home do not send any particular Invoices of the Cost, however shall insert in the Register the Sum it is manifested at from England and what it produces here.

60. I have by this Ship drawn the following Bills:

£	784	8	7¼	payable to Anthony Da Costa
,,	472	16	4	to Isaac Salvadore
,,	250	16	10¾	to Judah Supino & Son
,,	320	17	4½	
,,	448	1	1	
,,	246	10	8¼	
,,	3889	—	4¼	to Osmond Beauvoir & Cha^{s}. Benyon
,,	1111	13	11	to Anthony Dacosta
,,	682	3	7¼	to Lewis Mendes
,,	367	9	4½	to James Porten
,,	564	17	2	to Judah Supino & Son
,,	299	6	8	
,,	200	—	—	to Capt: Thomas Hall
,,	353	10	—	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
,,	576	3	2½	
,,	427	19	1	
,,	233	11	8¾	
,,	169	8	1¾	to David Gomez Serra
,,	3306	—	5¼	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
,,	706	15	8¼	
,,	2385	17	5¼	
,,	664	9	3½	

£	238	9	1½	to Judah Supino & Son
„	251	17	2	to Jacob Fernandes Nunes
„	805	18	5½	to Francis Gee
„	139	13	8¾	to Anthony Da Costa
„	513	9	10½	
„	134	19	—	
„	703	5	—⅓	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„	1424	13	2½	
„	1100	—	—	to Oliver Stewart
„	74	7	4¼	to Wm. & Jocelyn Pickard
„	218	18	3½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„	800	—	—	to Ditto
„	199	13	10¾	to Judah Supino & Son
„	763	19	5	

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

61. As Mr. Everest took his Passage for England on the Duke of Cumberland in December, shall send a Commission to Mr. Lennox as Deputy Govern^r., beleive him to be a Person of Integrity and capable of improving that Coast.

SUPPLEMENT.

62. The Swedish Broad Cloth being touched with a worm at Fort St. Davids, they sent for it hither & sold it at Outcry, shall by the next Ship send a compleat acc^t. of the produce of all the Ulrica's-Effects w^ch. were sold here, with the Charges and Disbursements on occasion of that Seizure.

63. Send on this Ship all the Treasure, Lead & Iron as per an Acc^t. apart in the Packet, from Fort St. Davids they receiv'd a parcel of Lumber w^ch. sold here.

64. On the Arrival of the Prince William, acquainted Capt^n. Langworth of their Intention to send that Ship home directly, and thô had not then sufficient number of Bales to compleat her Tonnage, tho^t. had little reason to doubt of the Northern Bales arriving before this time or that their Merchants here and at St. Davids would have bro^t. in sufficient to make up the Deficiency.

65. The Bales from the Northern Settlements are arrived w^ch. enable them to give this Ship her full Tonnage, a few of them will be but two thirds washed and perhaps some brown, have ordered the Bales aboard the Prince William as fast as they can be landed and she can take them in.

66. 29th Sept^r. the Storekeeper reported a Mistake of £100 to the Comp^s. prejudice in casting up the Cost of the Cordage per Prince William & a deficiency in the weight & also in the Iron shott. Those Deficiencys are endorsed off the Bill of Lading.

67. Mr. Oliver Stewart one of the Council at Fort Marlbrô takes his Passage for England on this ship.

68. In this Ship's Invoice are some of the Baftaes painted, permitted the Painters to tear the Cloth into two pieces for the reason given in Consultation the 20th April.

69. The Bills of Exchange by this Ship in return for Coral amount to pagodas 49404 : 16 : 1, the Manifest of Diamonds to 3365 : 15 : 54, Inv^o. of Goods sent to St. Helena to 194 : 24 : 6.

70. In a packet apart are the Invoice and Bill of Lading and the Captains Register of Private Trade.

RICH^D. BENYON.
AUG^S. : BURTON.
NIC^S. : MORSE.
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MANIFEST OF DIAMONDS AND OTHER PRECIOUS STONES LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE PRINCE WILLIAM CAP[T]. THOMAS LANGWORTH BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN RETURN FOR CORAL AND ON OTHER ACCOUNTS VIZ[T].

BY ABRAHAM & HENRY SALOMONS.

		Pag[s].	fa[s].	ca.
⊕ A I F N°. 2	One Bulse of Diamond Bort and Rubies consign'd to Abraham and Jacob Franco value f[o]ur hundred Pagodas two fanams and thirty two Cash...	400	2	32
	Which with a Bill of Exchange dated the 29[th]. Sep[r]. 1736 drawn by the Presid[t]. and Council on the Court of Directors for two hundred eighteen Pounds eighteen Shillings and three Pence half penny sterling payable to the said Abraham and Jacob Franco is in full returns for two Chests of rough Coral marked ⊕ N°. 22·23 recd ℔ Ship Haeslingfield Anno 1736	...		
I A F N°. 3	One Bulse of Diamonds consign'd to Isaac and Aaron Franks value two thousand and one hundred and seventeen Pagodas twenty two fanams and twenty two Cash	2117	22	22
	On Account of the said Abraham and Henry Sal[o]mons	...		

BY M[R]. LEVY MOSES.

H I & M	One Bulse of Rubies and other Coloured Stones cons[d]. to Joseph and Henry Moses value three hundred and two Pagodas twenty seven fanams.	302	27	—
	On Account of the said Levy Moses	...		

BY M[R]. RAWSON HART.

H H N°. 1	One Bulse of Diamonds consigned to Heron Hart value five hundred forty five Pagodas	545	—	—
	On Account of the Said Rawson Hart	...		
	4 Bulses value	3365	15	54

Fort S[t]. George
Sep[r]. 30[th]. 1736.

JOHN [...]

LIST OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S REVENUES IN FORT S[T]. GEORGE AS THEY HAVE PRODUC'D FROM 1[ST]. MAY 1735 TO ULTIMO APRIL 1736.

FIXED REVENUES.

BEETLE AND TOBACCO FARM.			
The Cowle granted to Gongaram and Buddaroy for five Years commencing 5[th]. September 1735 ending 4[th]. September 1740 at twelve Monthly Payments—Annual rent	10000	—	—
ARRACK & WINE LICENSE.			
The Cowle granted to Ram Chundra & Sandiapa Moodelaire for 5 years commencing 5[th]. December 1732 ending 4[th]. Dec[r]. 1737 at twelve monthly Payments—Annual rent ...	4020	—	—

TOWN BROKERAGE.			
The Cowle granted to Quotambaucum Gruapa & Anamunta Kistna for five Years commencing 5th. Sepr. 1735 ending 4th. Septemr. 1740 at 2 half yearly payments—Annual rent ...	700	—	—
MEASURING FARM.			
The Cowle granted to Quotambaucum Gruapa and Anamunta Kistna for 5 years commencing 20th. Sepr. 1735 ending 19th. September 1740 at six equal Payments—Annual rent ...	1000	—	—
FISHING FARM.			
The Cowle granted to Choudree Moudelee &ca. Macquas for 5 years commencing 25th. March 1734 ending 24th. March 1739 at two half yearly payments—Annual rent ...	50	—	—
EGMORE &cA. VILLAGES.			
The Cowle granted to Mannapaucum Chintomby & Pigu Nella Chitty for 12 years commencing 1st. July 1735 ending 30th. June 1747 at one yearly Payment	1450	—	—
TRIVITORE &cA. VILLAGES.			
The Cowle granted to Tomby Chitty &ca. for 12 years commencing 17th. October 1729 ending 16th. Octr. 1741— Annual rent	1230	—	—
PADDY FIELDS & SALTPANS.			
The Cowle let to Gaunapa Moodelaire for 5 Years Commencing 22d. May 1732 ending 21 May 1737 Annual rent	[7	.	.]
GARDENS.			
One commonly called John [Fereira's] Let to Antonha de Carv[a]lho for 10 years commencing 20th. Augt. 1729 ending 19th. August 1739--[Annual] rent	24	—	—
One (commonly called Maria Pois's) let to Mannewauka Chintomby, Erramettapollam Allegapa Graminee Caumeapa & Graminee Nella Mutta. for 12 years commencing 1 Janry. 1735–6 ending 31 Decr. 1747 at Yearly payment	60	—	—
One (commonly called the Company's old Garden) let to the abovementioned Persons for 12 years commencing 1 January 1735 ending 31sr. December 1747 at two half yearly Payments—Annual Rent	326	—	—
			410 — —

Ruby Brokerage.						
The Cowle let to Cashava Grua, Chintomby Chitty & Vennala Narran Chitty for five years commencing 10th. June 1734 at 4 Quarterly payments---Annual rent				800	—	—
Butteca Rent & Shroff Duty.						
The Cowle let to Tonta Vencataish for 5 years comᵉ. 1 May 1733 ending 30th. April 1738 at 4 Quarterly Payments—Annual rent				410	—	—
				20780	—	—
Variable Revenues.						
Mint Customs from 1st. May 1735 to ultº. April 1736				225	32	15
Sea Customs Dº.				38890	24	54
Land Customs Dº.				5782	18	33
Town Conicoply's Duty Ditto.						
Collected at the Choultry	39	30	12			
Collected at the Sea Gate	201	3	15			
				240	33	27
Quitrent the amount of the Assessments 31 August 1735	2472	27	—			
Scavinger's Duty the Amt. of the Rent Roll Dº.	1067	30	—			
				3540	21	—
			Pagodas	69460	21	49

Fort St. George
30th. Septemr. 1736.

List of Papers in the Packet ℔ Prince William.

Nº. 1. Fort St. George General Letter ℔ Prince William dated 1st. Octr. 1736.
2. Triplicate Ditto ℔ Godolphin dated 13th. January 1735.
3. Duplicate Ditto ℔ Nassau . . . 30th. Ditto.
4. Duplicate Invoice of the Nassau's Cargo amounting to Pags. 135432: 13.2].
5. Second Bill of Lading ℔ Ditto.
6. Copy of a Letter to St. Helena dated 1st. October 1736.
7. Copy of the Invoice to St. Helena.
8. Indent for Broad Cloth &c. for the year 1738.
9. Account of the Silver Lead and Iron seized at Porto Novo.
10. Two Letters from Captain Langworth about requested Saltpetre Lead and Iron.
11. Captain Langworth's Agreement for the Freight of the Pepper.
12. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
13. Ditto for Silver Lead and Iron seized at Porto Novo.
14. Six receipts for Head Money.
15. Register of Bills of Exchange in return for Coral.
16. Account the Produce of Coral compared with the Manifests.
17. Manifest of Diamonds and Precious Stones licensed ℔ Prince William.
18. Duplicate Ditto ℔ Nassau.
19. Second Receipt for the Nassau's Packet.

20. Second Bill of Lading for requested Saltpetre ℔ Nassau.
21. Muster Roll of the Prince William's Men.
22. List of her Warlike Stores.
23. D°. of Goods brought ashore from her.
24. List of Revenues at Fort S^{t}. George from primo May 1735 to Ult°. April 1736.
25. Duplicate Fort S^{t}. David Indent for Medicines.
26. List of Covenanted Servants on the Coast of Choromandell.
27. List of Inhabitants and Sea faring Men.
28. Muster Roll of the first Company of soldiers at Fort S^{t}. George.
29. Ditto of Second D°.
30. D°. of the Gun Room Crew.
31. D°. of Peons and Country Musick.
32. Consultation held at Fort S^{t}. George 1st. Oct^{r}. 1736.
33 Copy's of two Letters from Fort S^{t}. David of 28 & 29th. Sep^{r}. 1736.
34. A Packet from the President and Council at Fort William.
35. [A] List of the Packet.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PACKET ℔ PRINCE WILLIAM.

1. Fort S^{t}. George Journal II commencing 1 May 1734 end^{g}. 30th. April 1735.
2. D°. Ledger D°.
3. D°. Storkeepers Diary and Journal Parcels for Aug^{t}. 1736.
4. Ditto Mint Account Current ... from primo Jan^{ry}. 1735 to ultimo August 1736
5. Ditto Paymasters Accounts Curr^{t}... from primo Jan^{ry}. 1735 to ultimo August 1736
6. D°. Sea Customers D°. ... ... from primo Jan^{ry}. 1735 to ultimo August 1736
7. D°. Consultation & Diaries ... from 29th. Jan^{ry}. 1735 to 30th. Sep^{r}. 1736.
8. D°. Letters rec̃d from N°. 1 to 90.
9. D°. Letters sent from 1st. January 1735 to 30th. Septem^{r}. 1736.
10. D°. Cash Accounts from 1st. Februbry 1735 to 30th. Septem^{r}. 1736.
11. D°. Cowles and Commissions from 1st. January 1735 to 30th. Sep^{r}. 1736.
12. D°. Ship Book from 1st. January 1735 to 30th Septem^{r}. 1736.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE.
OCT^{R}. THE 1ST.1736.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Sec^{ry}.

N.B.—The Land Customers Account shou'd have been sent.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 5, 1736.
[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12, pp. 6–7*].

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

We have already wrote you at large by this Ship under the 1st. Instant and therein given our Reasons for shutting up our General Packet so soon. This incloses Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Prince William's Cargo amounting to Pagodas 134583: 13: 8 which is as much as she cou'd take in. We have laden no Brown Bales on board and but twenty four half Bales of Sallampores which are well enough washed and only want to be conjeed and Beat. The Bill of Lading for the Pepper with Captain Langworth's Agreement for it at half Freight are in our larger Packet.

Yesterday the President receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Law at Tellicherry wherein he writes that the Wyndham and Lynn arrived at Bombay the 17th. of August and the Harrington the 23d. of August with one hundred & Sixty five slaves on board from Madagascar. The Wyndham wou'd go down the Coast for Pepper and the Harrington was to proceed to Bengall with what Pepper was in the Bombay Warehouses.

Mr. Law adds that Proposals were made to the King of Biddanore for accommodating the Differences between him and the Mallabar Princes but he cou'd not say how they wou'd be receiv'd.

We trouble Your Honours with the[se] Advices because as the Brittania was not to leave Mocha till the latter end of August she would be possibly long in her Passage to Bombay and if she comes down the Coast with [Conooy] this Ship may arrive in England before [her].

Captain Langworth has paid us the following sums for which we have given him the usual Certificates.

One for his own Account for	Pags. 3829	18	20
One for Account the Owners of the Prince William	500	—	—
One for Account the Estate of William Farmery late Gunner of the Prince William ...	326	11	—
	Pagods. 4655	29	20

In this Packet come likewise Captain Langworth's Register of Goods amounting to Ps. 4737 : 21 : 47 and Copy of his Dispatch.

We wish this ship a safe Passage to you and are

Honourable

Your Faithfull humble Servants

Fort St. George
Octr. 5th. 1736

Richard Benyon.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

Register of Goods laden by me Thomas Langworth on board the ship Prince William bound for England.

				Pags.	fans.	Cash
	Cassia Ligna	18 Chests	...	Pags. 300	—	—
	Seed-Lack	12 Do.	...	325	—	—
	Stick-Lack	41 Bundles	...	123	—	—
	Asphaltum	79 Bags	...	223	18	50
	Fol Malabatri	17 Lo	...	20	16	—
	Chints	400 Peices	...	750	—	—
	Ginghams	400 Do.	...	170	—	—
T I	Ragged Pearl	6000 Ounces	...	300	—	—
	Bezoar	95 Do.	...	185	—	—
T L	Ragged Pearl	8300 Do.	..	295	—	—
	Rhubarb	8 Chests	...	605	—	—
	Lignum Aspathum	2 Do.	...	116	6	6
	Sticklack	2 Do.	...	26	22	—
	Galbanum	1 Chest or Box.		37	12	—

			Pag^s.	fans.	Cash
Ammoniacum	1 Chest or Box		10	20	—
Folio Mallabatri	1 D ...		37	14	10
To Gallingall	— ...		65	33	75
One small Bale N°. B 8 peices Long Cloth	— ...		72	—	—
4 Peices Muslin	— ...		16	—	—
2 Peices Aprons	— ...		6	—	—
2 D°. Moorees	— ...		12	—	—
7800 Canes	— ...		468	—	—
To a Quantity Arrack about 15 Leagers. ...	— ...		540	—	—
Ammoniacum 5 Maund 20.	— ...		32	22	66
		Pagod^s.	4737	21	47

FORT S^T. GEORGE
OCT^R. THE 25TH. 1736

THO^S. LANGWORTH

LETTER TO CAPTAIN T. LANGWORTH, DATED [?]. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12 p. 9.*]

To CAPTAIN THOMAS LANGWORTH
COMMANDER OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM.

SIR

Having put on board Your Ship such Goods as we design on her for England we now direct you to repair on board and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to set sail for the Port of London in Great Britain, The first Port you arrive at in England you are to send your Purser overland with the Packet herewith deliver'd you directed to the Honourable the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon̄ble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street, London taking Care to write to them Your self and to give them an Account of any thing remarkable that you may meet with in the Voyage.

Our Hon̄ble Masters have given Orders to our President and M^r. Fowke to inform you what is necessary for your Conduct in Case you meet with any ship or ships at sea as well as with respect to your going into S^t. Helena. During the uncertain situation of Affairs in Europe as to Peace or War we were directed to give the Captains of the Company's ships a Caution to be on their Guard and avoid speaking with any Ships at Sea lest they prove Enemys and further to order them into the Cape where if they had Advices of a War they were to proceed in Company with the Dutch Fleet. The Company have not yet been pleased to contradict those Orders and we must leave you to act in that respect as you judge best.

If you touch at the Cape it will be acceptable to the Gov^r. & Council of S^t. Helena that you carry them a supply of seeds and Plants &c^a.

We wish you [*a few words lost*] Fort S^t. George [*a few words lost*].

LIST OF THE ADDITIONAL PACKET ℔^{R}. PRINCE WILLIAM.

1. Fort S^t. George General Letter dated 5th. October 1736.
2. Invoice of Prince Williams Cargo amounting to Pagod^s. 134583 : 13 : 8.
3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
4. D°. for old Guns and Fire Arms.
5. Calculate of Prince William's Tonnage.
6. List of Packing Stuff in the Coast Goods ℔ Prince William.

7. Captain Langworth's Register of Goods amount^{s}. to P^{s}. 4737 : 21 : 47.
8. Copy of Captain Langworth's Dispatch.
9. Ditto's Receipt for the Packet markt A.
10. Manifest of Presents licensed ℔ Prince William.
11. Consultation held at Fort S^{t}. George 5th. Oct^{r}. 1736.
12. List of the Packet.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
OCT^{R}. 5TH. 1736.
JOHN SAVAGE
Sec^{ry}.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 29, 1737. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12 pp. 13–73*].

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. We dispatched the Prince William the 5th. Oct^{r}., & she sail'd out of the Road the 7th. Duplicate of what we wrote by her comes herewith and we shall now give a full Answer to your Commands receiv'd by the last ships adding thereto what Material has occurred since the Date of our last.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. Your Honour's ship George and Madrass Galley arrived the 31st. Decem^{r}. with 192 Bales of Calicoes from Vizagapatam, and the 7th. Instant arriv'd a Brigantine with two hundred and forty Bales from Ingeram. Having for the reasons mention'd in Consultation the 3^{d}. Ins^{t}. resolved to dispatch the Grantham and Shaftsbury for England directly from this Place; we sent the Galley the 4th. and the George the 5th. to Fort S^{t}. David to bring up the Bales from thence, the George returned here the 18th. with 270 Bales, and we expect the Galley with some more in time for the Shaftsbury.

Lett^{rs}. recd 1737 No. 1. 3. 4.

3. The George brought us five hundred Bags of Saltpetre from Bengall; the Grantham that arrived the 7th. Instant brought us 200 and the Shaftsbury imported the 10th. with one hundred and twenty Bags more.

4. We continue to follow your Orders concerning signals for the ships, surveying the Men, Guns & Warlike store[s]. The Surveys of this ship Grantham come in the Packet.

Lette^{rs}. recd. No 86.

Letters from England 23 Jan^{ry}.

5. The 18th. Sep^{r}. we rec'd a Letter from the Gentlemen in Bengall desiring we would send Directions to Pegue for Building a sloop there, but all the ships bound thither were sail'd before their Letter [arriv'd]. The Beginning of this Month we receiv'd another Letter desiring us to order another sloop to be built which we have accordingly complied with by the Galatea that sailed for Pegue the 15th. Instant and we refer to our Letters sent N°. 6 for the Directions sent the Resid^{t}. concerning the building of both sloops.

Lett^{rs}. recd. 1737 No. 1. Cons^{ns}. 1737 3. 10 Jan^{ry}. Lett^{rs}. sent 1737 No. 6.

6. A ship from Macao bound to Goa put some Letters on board a Vessel at Malacca that is since arriv'd here; those Letters mention that the Normanton was at Canton and wou'd be dispatched to England with the Richmond, Walpole and Princess of Wales; as we have no Letter from Your Supra Cargoes in China we dare not venture to send our silver as yet to the Bay least the report of sending the Normanton

to England shou'd be only a Blind to conceal their real Design, which may be only with Intention to purchase a Cargoe for this place upon better terms. So soon as we have any Advices we can depend upon, that she will not come this way, we shall send all our silver to the Bay.

7. The Gentlemen in Bengall advise us the Compton sailed for the West Coast the 28th. October and besides what they had laden on her for the use of the Coast they had also put on board 250 Bales as part of her Europe Cargo, which we hope will enable the Deputy Governour and Council to dispatch her Home in season with her full Tonnage. Lettrs. Recd 1737 No. 1.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ANOTHER.

8. We gave your Honours last Year our Reasons why the selling your Broad Cloth to our contract Merchants was the best, as being the most certain Method to dispose of any Quantitys; an opinion wherein we are not singular and alone but founded on the Experience of many Years [upon] what our Predecessors have wrote you as you may ple[ase] to observe in the Year 1711 & 1712. The sale of the Sweedish Cloth in March last might have inclined us to think otherwise; if we had not been Witnesses how that Affair was managed, and for so far as with reason and Justice we might, assisting to your Merchants in the scheme they had laid to prevent their being hurt by that sale. The Quantity was not very large which gave them an opportunity to conduct it with more facility and with little Loss to themselves. We say for the reasons and agreable to the resolution in Consultation the 6th. January last Year we disposed of the six hundred Bales of Broad Cloth rec'd this Year to our Merchants, We endeavoured to get a further Advance of five ℔ Cent but our Consultation of the 18th. Oct^{r}. will show you why we let them have it at the usual rate of thirty ℔ Cent. 23 Janry. 19 para. Lett^{rs}. from England 23 Janry.

9. As to the Quality of the Cloth the Merch^{ts}. have observed that what Your Hon^{rs}. have sent us this Year is rather thinner than what they receiv'd last, but however have made no Complaint of it, observing also it is somewhat cheaper, As to the rest we have not cared to enter into too nice as scrutiny least it shou'd introduce a Method that in time might be very troublesome to us, and be made use of as a Pretence for frequent Abatements. The Sweedish Cloth is much praised by them as excelling both in Colours and Substance. 29 para 30

10. We wrote your Honours by the Prince of Orange that we shou'd charge Tomby Chitty for the Interest due on his Bond for Broad Cloth, but we have not receiv'd the Money. When he came to settle his Accounts which it is our Custom to do yearly with our Merchants, he desired to be heard on this Head before the Board, [he] attended accordingly the 10th. Instant, [*a few words lost*] a great deal, yet being for the most part unintelligible we ordered them to attend again the 17th. with their Objections in writing which they then delivered us and are entered upon our Consultations for your Honour's Perusal; their Case is badly drawn or ill translated, but however the Hardships of it is pretty plain. Apparently the Zeal of the late President to encrease the sale of a Commodity, the Consumption whereof your Honours had so earnestly pressed in all your Letters induced him to insist upon so large an Indent from the Merchants, who from an Inclination to oblige him in what was represented to them to be so acceptable to your Honours consented thereto, however with Assurances as they set forth, that if it was attended with any Difficulties your Honours shou'd be prevailed on to be easy with them in respect to the Payment of the Money. We can assure Your Honours they have had none of the Cloth deliver'd them out of the Warehouse before they have paid the Money, so that properly it cannot be said they have had any trust; besides being sometimes pressed for further Payments they have taken up large sums at Interest elsewhere and mortgaged the Cloth for security. We are all Witnesses how slow the Consumption has been and that consequently they were not able to make their Payments sooner. We must also add as our Opinion that if they must pay the Interest it will fall exceeding heavy upon them which added to the Losses they have sustain'd by their Cons^{ns}. 1737 10 Janry. Cons^{ns}. 1737. 17 Janry.

Callico Contracts we have too much reason to beleive will go near to be the ruin of them. We have complied with our Promise to lay their Case before Your Honours who are to order herein as you think fitt.

Lettrs. from England 23d. Janry. 21 para Consns. 25 March.

11. [Upon] a Complaint from Your Honours some Years ago that your Iron was sold at too low a price, it was risen here to 14 Pagodas the Candy, it is not to be wondered at if hardly any except for your own use was disposed of at that price when the Danes sell annually large Quantitys at nine Pagods. the Bahar of 520 lb; The 25th. March last to encourage the sale by an Exportation we agreed in Consultation to sell at Ten Pagodas for all Quantitys not under twenty Candy, and at twelve Pagodas ℔ Candy by retail for the Consumption of the Town, a Profit we beleive Your Honours wou'd be satisfied with as we observed at the same time that the Iron by the Nassau was invoiced at no more than Pags. 7. Cash 24. 18 ℔ Candy. Upon the Presumption that your Honours will approve thereof we have now indented for 200 Tons.

22d. para.

12. The great decay of the Trade of India in General and the English Country Trade in particular of this Place, thô a very bad reason, is however a very true one, why the sale and Profit is so small of late Years of the Naval Stores, Ironmongers Ware and the like. We have however sold a considerable Parcel of Guns and Anchors particularly the last which were much wanted. In the Packet comes our Indent for Stores which we desire may be exactly complied with having compared it with our account remains and the Indent sent last Year. If some particular Naval stores lye by us a few Years before they are wanted, we are persuaded your Honours will not think much of it, as a reasonable Quantity in Store is a great Encouragement for the resort of shipping to us and absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Navigation in India whereon depends that Branch of your Revenues which brings a very noble sum annually into your Cash.

Lettrs. from England 23 Janry.

13. Of the Lead we sold in January last, so much remain'd in Town in Septemr. following that we beleiv'd it wou'd be [*a few words lost*] Quan[tity] till this Month when we disposed of one thousand Candys at 11. 22. 58 ℔ Candy and have since sold two hundred & fifty Candys more at the same price to Tomby Chitty which has encouraged us to encrease our indent now to one thousand five hundred Candys. We desire Your Honours to be persuaded that in this as well as all other Goods, wch. are the Product or Manufacture of England, we shall encourage the sale and Consumption here to the utmost of our Power.

Consns. 1737 3 Janry. 23 par

14. We indent for no Medley Cloths, Camblets or Druggets because the silks and other light Manufactures of China are more fit for our Climate than the English Stuffs, the Demand for which is so very small that we loose more by selling off the remains than we get upon all that is sold by retail.

15. This leads us to acquaint Your Hons. that the 20t. April in pursuance of an order of the 25th. March preceding, the Import Warehokr. Storekeeper and Steward deliver'd us in an Account of such particulars under their Care as appeared to them proper to be sold off, either as entirely spoiled and useless or to prevent further Damage. You will please to observe also the Orders we made thereupon to which we have only to add here, that most of the Particulars mentioned in the Stewards List as destroyed have been so for many Years; the Looking Glasses in the Fort and Garden House and Carpets in the Consultation Room were wrote off to House-furniture having been in use upwards of twenty Years and except a few Chains for the Offices, Sea Gate and Warehouse, we have not for the present put your Honours to the Expence of anything [*a few words lost*] those Particulars which are sold [*a few words lost*] of the store is entered upon our Consultations the 31st. May, the Warehousekeeprs. sale of the 25th. Augt. and the Stewards by mistake not till the 25th. October.

27 par

Consns. 20 April.

Letters from England 23 Janry.

16. In the Haeslingfield's Invoice a Bar of Silver No. 37 in Chest No. 220 pz. lb. ozs. dwt. 55 : 2 : worse 2 is charged lb. cz. dwt. 55 : 3 : 3 which should be but lb. oz. dwt. 53 : 3 : 3 the difference being 2 lb. or oz. 24 is apparently a Mistake and we have therefore charged it to Account Current London.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

17. And first in Answer to your several Paragraphs under this Head.

18. It is our constant method to compute the number of Bales we have reason to expect the Merchants will deliver us in time for the Loading of the Janry Ships and to write to Bengall for Tonnage sufficient to take them in, accordingly if the Dorset, Montague & George cou'd have taken in their Tonnage Your Honours wou'd have had a greater Number of Bales Home by those ships. However such an instance as that does very rarely happen, for we are too apt to depend upon the Promises of our Merchants whereby it is oftner that we are in want of Bales for our Tonnage than Tonnage for our Bales. Your Honours may be assured we chuse for our own Credit to send as great a Number of Bales Home in a Year as we can, but at the same time we must think it your Interest for us to have one hundred & fifty or two hundred Bales more than the ships can take in remaining on hand, rather than by a mistake in our Calculate the other Way be obliged to send them away by so much dead freighted, or keep them so late that they run the risque of losing their Passage; Especially also as such a surplus does much facilitate the Dispatch of a ship in September. 31 par.

19. It shall be [*a few words lost*] for so far as the Number and Capacity of your Covenanted servants will admit of to place them in such a manner at the subordinate Factorys that your Business may not be impeded or suffer by the Mortality of a Chief. But upon this Occasion we are obliged to acquaint your Honours that hitherto there has been a general Backwardness in Your Servts. to be removed from hence, they look upon it as a sort of Banishment and a Mark that is set upon them, and in order to get back again do not fail to suggest to their Friends in England that it proceeded from some Pique or Resentment. Of late years we have been obliged to permit the chiefs at the Subordinate Settlements to hire Monthly Writers to assist them, but as we can spare any Covenanted servants from hence we shall send them down and discharge the others. Lettrs. from England 23 Janry. 32 par.

20. We had flattered our selves that after we had given Your Honours so full and true an account of the state of this Country, and the Effects thereof in your Investment we shou'd have had no occasion to have given you any further Trouble to demonstrate the Truth thereof, the rather also, because in Answer to our said Representation, Your Honours were pleased to say last Year "That in the Accounts "we had Given you in our Letter by the Brittania, of the great Influence which the "Price of Cotton and Grain had upon our Investments we had taken a great deal of "Pains to convince you of a Point which was selfevident, and therefore all that Trouble might have been spared." But since Your Honours are pleased this Year to tell us that the Manufactures in most countrys are not much affected by the Dearness of Grain and that were [it] otherwise, the value of goods wou'd continually fluctuate [*a few words lost*] Corn, We trust your Honours will not be offended with us if we say that since the Encrease in the prices of Grain and Cotton, and the Demand from all parts for the manufactures of this Country Your Honours have found a gradual Encrease in the prices of the Goods and tho' by being under particular Engagements with Your Merchants for the Cloth, at certain Rates you have not every Year been sensible of the fluctuation of the Prices in the Country yet your Merchants have experienced it sufficiently not only from those causes which have so often been mention'd but also others which we shall have Occasion to take Notice of before we close this Head. 31 par.

21. In answer to the first part of your 35th. Paragraph we beg Leave also to say that when we have in any of our late Letters complained of the French being our Competitors, it was not as of new thing but only of the same Evil which our Predecessors have so often urged as one cause of the Difficulties they met with. No doubt the French must aim at a Profit as well as your Honours, but what profits they are contented with, or how they arise is a point we are not able to explain, but sure we are that from any sortment they pay more in Proportion than we do nor do they buy any cheaper. 35 par.

39 par

22. We wrote Your Honours two Years since that we were very sensible of the Hardship you complain of, that the several Numbers were charged at the same Price one with another for the Goods bought at S^{t}. David & this place and we did then promise to use our Endeavours to remedy so great an Evil accordingly last year all our Contracts both here and at S^{t}. David were different Prices for every number; The Merchants felt the Disa[d]vantage of it and struggled hard this Year to bring us back to the former practice alledging they are obliged to receive it from the [*a few words lost*] we brought them at last to consent to the terms of the last Years Contracts. But as to the price of the Cloth, and which your Honours are pleased to think is too great an allowance when the cost of that at Vizagapatam and Ingeram is so much less, it wou'd be a Pleasure to us if we cou'd give you any Hopes that we shou'd get it cheaper, or even Assurances that we shall not very soon be obliged to advance upon what we give already. And now we are come to this part of your Letter we must beg Leave to be more full and particular.

Consns: 1736 19 April 10 May Lettrs. Read. No. 16: 31. 33. 35. 44. 50 Lettrs. sent No. 34. 35. 48.

Cons^{s}. 17th: 24 May.

23. We wrote Your Honours last Year that we looked upon it as an irrefragable Argument that the Merchants were no Gainers by the Contracts, or they wou'd certainly be more exact in complying with them, and we wish their Performances this Year had given us any reason to alter our Opinion. Your Servants at S^{t}. David are very positive their Merchants are considerable Losers by their Engagements this Year and have given that as a reason why they are so backward. For very plain Reasons our Merchants must be considerable sufferers. We advised in our last that the French had early in the season enter'd into large Contracts with their Merchants but with no Design they should be complied with, apparently it was a Finesse to obtain a Credit at Arcot and when they had receiv'd all the money they cou'd borrow there, their Merchants were told they need not be in haste with the Investment till they heard from Europe. In June their ships arrived with a very large Stock of Money and then they set about providing Cloth in Earnest, and for that purpose have made very large Advances to their Merchants. In the Packet we send [a List] of what goods have contracted for this Year.

Lettrs. read. 1737 No. 13

24. We can with great Truth assure Your Honours that none of our private Trade has interfered with yours for those two Years past, not having sent any ships to Mocha or Bussorah last Year or this, but our forbearance served only to encourage the French who in January last dispatchd a ship to Mocha with twelve hundred Bales and are sending another now, concluding that before she can arrive the Force they sent thither in October will have obtained satisfaction, and settled their Trade upon the old Footing if not upon a better. In October also they sent a ship loaden with Coast Goods to Bussorah and had designed one this year to Manilha if ours had not disappointed them of their Freight. As we sent no ship to Manilha last Year, the Armenians settled there supply'd the Market by a ship they sent to Porto Novo, and indeed there are so many Ports open upon the Coast where Foreigners may resort and be supplied with goods for all the Markets in India, that it is impossible for us to prevent it, what Prejudice soever it may be to the Investments for the Europe Markets. We can only assure Your Honours that we shall make use of the most prudent means to discourage all undertakings which do directly interfere with, or prejudice your Trade and the Welfare of your Settlem^{ts}. but whether a total Prohibition may not be attended with very fatal Effects is what we humbly offer to your consideration. Our Merchants and Inhabitants live only by our Exports, and if they shou'd be absolutely restrain'd in that, Necessity will oblige them to remove to those places where they can be indulged in a Liberty which is deny'd them and when they are once remov'd it will be no easy matter to bring them back again.

25. [*a few words lost*] that Your Honours are pleased to say in the 20th. Paragraph of your Letter of the 12th. December, namely that we should encourage a Number of Merchants to reside among us as the only means to bring the Investment to its old flourishing state. We take Leave to assure Your Honours that thô we omit nothing which we can do for that purpose, yet it is but few Men of substance who we can boast of having among us, we have it now not in our Power to indulge any Body with those marks of Distinction and Preheminence which were

the Principal Inducements formerly for many considerable Men to leave the Country and to settle here. Neither must we hide from Your Honour's that thô we had more Men of substance among us, we doubt whether we shou'd soon feel the good Effects of it in your Investment at least till the Advantages arising from it are more considerable than we have as yet any reason to beleive they are, and until the memory of past times are a little more effaced. The levying those great Penaltys which Sunca Rama and the Chittys paid in M^r^. Macraes time, if it did not entirely ruin them it at least destroyed their Credit, and the Reputation of your Business. We have no pleasure in touching upon so sore a place, but it is necessary that your Honours should know so true and great a Cause of our present Malady, for thô the other Difficulties we have complained of do very greatly affect us, yet we are of opinion we should be much less sensible of them, & that our Investment wou'd be more considerable, if we were sure we were safe in trusting those with whom we deal, with such large Sums of Money as we advanced to our Merchants ten Years ago, who then were of such substance that they cou'd stand the shock of any Accident [which might] happen in the Country. We shall close this Paragraph with an Answer to the 33^d^. & 34^th^. of your last Letter. The Merchants we deal with at Present, are the best and only Men we cou'd get to undertake Your Business. Tomby Chitty and his Partners have particular Reasons for remaining in your Service, but Molinga Kistna & Ponapa Chitty finding more Difficultys in the Investment than they expected are very hardly prevail'd with to continue furnishing us with Cloth. We wrote Your Honours in your last we beleiv'd the Money we advanced was secure and we have no reason to think otherwise, but at the same time we must confess, our Dependance is more on their Care & Integrity than any great Opinion we have of their Oppulence.

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26. What we have hitherto said under this Head is cheifly to reply to several Paragraphs in your Letter receiv'd this Year. We are next to give you an account of the Progress of your Investment here & at the Subordinate Settlements, and therein shall answer such other parts of your Letters that are not already taken Notice of.

27. Your Honours were advised last year the Directions which were given to Vizagapatam about their short measure, and the Check those Orders were upon that Investment. However as we hoped by Perseverance to have cured the Evil complied of, the 14^th^. Febry. last when we came to take into Consideration their Letter of the 18^th^. Decem^r^. it was agreed not to make any further Allowances for the several Reasons given in our Consultation and Letter of the 27^th^. October preceding, But the Dutch settled in those parts continueing to take in the short Cloths our forbearance was of very little Effect and therefore upon the [receipt of the Invoice of this] Year we sent Advice thereof to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam. They give us Hopes of a large Quantity next Year, but have fallen short of what we expected from them for the Dispatch of these ships. We had a survey upon those Bales which came by the George and Galley and for Brevity sake beg to refer to our Consultation the 4^th^. Instant.

32 par.

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28. By the Madrass Galley that was dispatchd from hence the 2^d^. June we sent to Vizagapatam thirty thousand Madrass Pagodas and twenty three thousand seven hundred and seventy five Madrass Rupees to carry on that and Ingeram Investment so that they have been in no want of Cash & we shall take Care to keep them supplied as fast as they can lay it out.

Consn: 1736 24 May Lettrs. sent No. 46.

36 par.

29. The Ingeram Investment as to Quantity goes on much the same as usual. When M^r^. Graham was up here we were mindfull to show him the Fault in his Cloth, and give him particular Directions to keep up to the true Length and Breadth and to be more exact in the Sorting and Curing. Your Honours will please to observe upon our Consultations the 11^th^. and 12^th^. Instant our Remarks on this Investment M^r^. Graham has invoiced all his Long Cloth this Year one Pagoda ℔ Corge more than last Year, which his Merchants by Petition have requested to be allowed in consideration of the Dearness of Cotton and a great Drought in those Parts We have not yet come to any Resolution about it.

37 par.

Lettrs. sent No. 23.

Consn: 6 Decr. Lettrs. Recd. No. 101. Lettrs. sent No. 97.

Consns: 17 July.

30. The 17th. July we took into Consideration several Letters the President had receiv'd in the beginning of the Year from the Phousdar of Maddapollam inviting [us] to resettle that Factory and your Honours may please [to observe from the Consu]-

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ltation of that date, the reasons wch. induced us to comply with the Phousdars request. We intended to have sent Mr. Edward Fowke down on the George but that ship did not arrive from the West Coast till it was too late in the season, A Disappointment as it has happen'd very favourable for us, the Phousdar being very lately turned out and imprison'd and his Master Hodjee Hussain the Nabob of these Parts dead. We continue our Intentions of sending Mr. Fowke thither so soon as the New Governours are appointed and we can know upon what terms we may trade there.

37 par.

31. We have deferred the Building a House at Ingeram till the Country in those Parts is better settled.

32. The Fort St. David Merchants perform'd pretty well last Year as to the Quantity of Cloth they had engaged for though not without some very considerable Concessions and which they had promised not to insist upon in the Beginning of their Contract. Not contented with those favours when the Deputy Governour came up here the beginning of this Year they sent by him a Petition full of Complaints, but we did not think fit to take any Notice of them. We wrote Your Honours in our last the season was far advanced before they cou'd be brôt to contract this year, they as well as our own Merchants have disapointed us much in the Quantity we expected from them and we fear will oblige us to fill up part of the Shaftsbury's Tonnage with Saltpetre rather than keep her a late ship. Your Honours will read in the Fort St. David Letter N°. 105 the reasons for this Disappointment and we will not take up your time by a Repetition here.

33. So soon as we receiv'd your List of Investment this Year we gave Directions to our Merchts. to provide Musters of such [goods as they] had not before agreed

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for, which they brought us the 3d. Augt. and we settled the Prices for the same as entered in our Consultation of that Date, the Advance in the price of the superfine and Ordinary Moorees is in proportion to the addition to the Lengths. We also gave

Consn: 3d. Augt.

Directions for providing the additional Quantitys indented for of such sorts as we had contracted for before. We shall be particular in our remarks upon this Part of our Investment before we close this Letter.

41 par.

34. It was some time before we cou'd get a Muster of the fine Pullicat Betteelas, at last we had one brought us by Molinga Kistna. Agreable to your Orders we proposed to him to enter into a Contract with a Penalty annexed to provide the Quantity demanded according to Muster, but he absolutely refused it, alledging that in the Course of a very long Experience he had found it absolutely Impossible to get two Peices exactly alike from different Weavers, Nay two peices from the same Man, or even one peice entirely the same throughout. He said he wou'd use his Endeavours to get us the Quantity we wanted, but we must not expect they would be all alike. That the method he must use to provide them must be by advancing Money to the Weavers some would make better and some worse, but he must be obliged to take what they gave him, as they had no other Way to return his Money, but as he does not advance them the whole Price he has an Opportunity to abate in the Price according to the Goodness, and those must be paid more who have performed better than the Muster. As there is no demand elsewhere for these sort of Betteelas it would doubtless be a great hardship upon the Merchant to have any of them returned upon his Hands and therefore we agreed with him to take them all in, and to prize them according [*a few words lost*].

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35. We have ballanced our accounts with Andiapa of Porto Novo as your Honours may please to Observe in Consultation the 13th. and 20th. Decemr. we shall hope to engage his service again whenever that part of the Country promises more Quiet and Plenty that it does at present.

43 para.

36. We are sorry to observe Your Honrs. Complain that the common sorts of Moorees are so dear they don't answer Your Honrs. were advised of the Difficulty we had to get those sent you two Years ago, and the large Quantity you are pleased to demand this year affords us no Opportunity to get them cheaper.

37. The 30th. April the Washers delivered us a Petition supported by another from the Merchants for an additional Advance in the price of washing; their Case was truely hard and the 17th. May we agreed upon an Additional Allowance of four fanams for a Corge of Long Cloth and two fanams for a Corge of Sallampores at the same time at the request of the Fort St. David Merchants we consented to the same Advance there and without it we are convinced they cou'd not possibly carry on the Work except they had continued the practice of stealing the Merchts. Cloth. Letts. recd. N°. 44. 48 Letts. sent 40.

38. Having some Notice that the Market was rising for raw silk, the 7th. June was published at the Sea Gate that the 24th. we shou'd dispose of a parcell belonging to your Honours and accordingly that Day we put up the damaged silk rec'd from Bengall by the Jane and Fort St. George last Year at two Months trust we let such part of it go as we cou'd not hope to get a better price for by keeping it longer, the whole Produce of what we sold at Outcry amounted to Pags 5982 : 26 : 24 and the money all paid into[. . .] 2,400 Pagods. part thereof was in great Peril which calls to our Mind the Clause in the latter part of the Casts Petition sent Your Honours last Year and induces us to wish that we had a Legal right to insist upon the old Custom that the Company shou'd be paid prior to all others. We were afterwards offered and accepted 18½ ℔ Maund for the Cossimbuzzar sort B which was bought in at the Sea Gate for Your Honours Account, no body offering there more than 16 ℔ Maund. Consns: 7 June 25 D°. 29 Novr: Letts. from England 23 Janry.

Fourthly touching the Trade of India & therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

39. After what we have said under the last head we beleive it unnecessary to trouble you with anything here, in answer to your Honour's 45th. Paragraph, further than to repeat our Assurances that we shall not fail in any part of our Duty but will conformable to your Orders omit no Diligence in preventing all Projects and Undertakings which may any way prejudice your Interest.

40. Your Honours great Goodness in permitting us to lay in a Quantity of Grain for the use of the Place, we may truly say was it's salvation for two month's in last year, but God only knows how much Misery we are to be Witness of this. Our Rains have entirely failed us in this Part of the Country and therefore the Inland Towns and Villages are in the utmost Distress; Indeed for some Years past our supply from the Country has been very trifling but that which gives our Inhabitants the most terrible Apprehensions is the severe famine which has spread itself all along the Coast to the Northward, even beyond Ganjam, [. . . . we shall not] have a single vessel of Grain this Year where hitherto we have annually recd our greatest supply and from whence Crouds of People come daily towards the Southern Parts in Hopes of finding Subsistance as well as great Numbers from the Inland Country. From all parts many have crept into our Bounds being tempted to stay by the Quantity which yet appears in our Markets, and which we have lately been supplied with from the Bay but such a number of Mouths only serves to consume it the faster, and to hasten the Effects of a Famine that we have reason to fear will be more cruel than any we have felt yet. In the mean time we omit nothing that may encourage an Importation. Most of the ships which arrived from Bengall are returned thither again for another Loading and we have sent Advices to Pegue, so that we hope all the ships from thence will come fully laden with Rice. Our Merchants have also sent large sums to the Southward and have contracted for considerable Quantitys, but we know not yet whether the Governments that way will not stop the Exportation as they did two Years ago. But how successfull soever we may be at Bengall, Pegue, & the Southward yet it will fall far short of the Quantity which (by the Help of the Accounts which have been kept these two Years) we know to be necessary for the support of the Place. We shall only add here that we wou'd buy in a greater Quantity of Paddy to lye in Store if we cou'd preserve it in our Godowns, but it will not keep good above two years and if we can do it we choose to change it every Year. 48 par.

41. We wrote Your Honours by the Godolphin that probably you would be Losers by the sale of what we laid in that Year, but thô we purchased but half the Quantity last Year we [did . . .] yet the Gain on this last parcel, will compensate for the Loss on the former within six hundred Pagodas, indeed we cou'd sell the remains now at the rate of 9 Mercall the Pagoda, which wou'd leave a Profit of eighteen hundred Pagodas but then it woud be a Profit gain'd only out of the Military, and those who are most usefull in our Business and who were very easy and contented to be paid at the rate of fifteen Mercalls the Pagoda, when for eight months of last Year they might have bought it @ 17 and 18. That your Honours may have a clearer View of our Management we send in the Packet an account Current of the Paddy bought & sold these two years.

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50 par.

42. It is a satisfaction to us that you are pleased to approve of the Releif and Assistance we order'd Mr. Sanderson to give those who escaped the Shalums Wreck. We shall always for the future give you the best Information we can get, of the Persons who escape from such terrible Accidents, but we hope we shall never have another Occasion.

80 par.

43. Whenever any ship goes from hence to the Gulph of Persia, due Care shall be taken to prevent her being sold to the Persians. The Gentlemen of Bombay wrote us last Year they had given Directions to the Factory at Gombroon to prohibit any such Practice and at the same time a Power to stop all ships from going up to Bussorah. We hope both those Orders were given solely with a View to your Interest and the Publick Good, but we are informed there were ships went to Bussorah directly from Bombay. And one Mylne belonging to Bengall having sold a ship to the Persians was threatned to be [sent] a Prisoner to Bombay, however he was permitted to return to his Owners in another Ship which he bought from the Gentlemen of Gombroon for a good Price.

44. We wrote your Honours in our last that the only ship we had sent on a Voyage this Year was one to Manilha, chiefly freighted by the Natives and Armenians. The unsettled state of Surat together with the Dutys of the Port and the Danger of Angria has prevented our sending any Ship thither this Year, the Exactions at Mocha were so great that the Dutys amounted to 11 ℔ Cent on the last Cargo we sent thither so that we have left off that Trade these two Years and if the Gentlemen of Bombay cannot bring that Governmt. to better terms, in all likelyhood the French will have that Trade entirely to themselves. The Prohibition from Bombay has hindered our sending any ship to Bussorah also for two years past, but if a peace is concluded between the Turks and Persians we shou'd willingly trade to Bussorah again if we can do it with any Hopes of Profit but as the French pay only the Turkish Dutys they are able to undersell us considerably, the ship we sent to Gombroom last Year, unluckily found the Cheifs hands full of Goods thô not the Market, for at the same time a French Ship sold her Cargo at very good Prices when ours was obliged to come away without doing any thing. Your Honours know that by the Rules of the Factory, all English Goods must be landed & sold in the Factory, doubtless it was at first proposed under the Pretence of some publick good, or to prevent some mighty Mischief, but the Effect is that we must sell to the Cheif and at his Prices or not at all.

45. The Ship we sent last year to Siam was detain'd there so long by the ill usage of the Kings Ministers that she lost her Passage back. We have little reason to expect better Treatment now his Ships have [left] this Port, and land their Cargoes at St. Tho[mâ as the Na]bob has given him a Cowle to trade Custom free.

46. With some Expence we have settled our Trade again upon the old Footing at Pegue, but the Country has been so harrassed by the Oppression of it's Governours, that we fear that Trade will be no great Benefit to us China Goods have been very low here this Year, however if we had not been disappointed in our ship, we should have been beforehand with the French who have sent a large ship there. We have had little to do with the Gentlemen in Bengall except for Rice Cargoes, all other Goods are too dear through that channel. We shou'd never have desired that our Super Cargoes might have had the Liberty to send Gomastas into the Country and the use of the Dusticks, if we had imagined it wou'd be any Prejudice

to your Affairs. The Gentlemen have not fairly represented the state of the Case if they have suggested any such thing much less if they have asserted that the Private Trade is carried on only by Yo^{r}. Covenanted Servants, and that none but those are allowed to reside at the Aurungs, The contrary of which is so notorious that it is almost impossible to enumerate the different Nations and People who sent Gomastas not only where the English are, but all over the Country, If we confine ourselves to Callcutta only, we shall find that every Companys servant every Armenian and Banyan, have many Gomastas all over the Country, but if we extend our views and go up to Hughly, what Numbers of Gomastas are sent from thence? What vast Quantities of Goods do they provide which make up the Freights for Surat, Bussorah and the Red Sea, that exceed in value all those which are sent to Europe? The Pattan & Moors Merchants settled here and at S^{t}. Thomê have their [Correspon]-dents at Hughly who send Gomastas over the Country for the Consumption of this Coast which will be fully supplied by others whether we do or not and from which it will evidently appear to Yo^{r}. Honours that there is very little weight in the Pretence made by the Gentlemen in Bengall that what Goods we shou'd provide wou'd inflame the Aurungs. At present we have the Mortification to see this Trade entirely in the Hands of Armenians Moors and Pattans for the most part carried by our Door to S^{t}. Thomê to the great Prejudice of your Customs here and in Bengall besides many other Evils which attend the Loss of any Branch of Trade as it is very rare one leaves a Place but it is followed by another. We have thought it our Duty to represent to your Honours the Consequence of that Prohibition which we and only we lye under at present, but if for any particular reasons or Necessity of which we are not competent Judges Your Honours shall still think fit to continue it, we shall forbear to trouble you any further Hereafter about it, and shall only beg Leave here to return Your Honours our most humble thanks for your Condescension in answering our Paragraph about the private Trade between this Place and Bengall, and the Notice you have been pleased to take of it to the Gentlemen there.

47. Thus have we given Your Honours an account of the Difficultys our Trade labours under with the state it is in at present and we must submit it to your Honours favourable Consideration whether any and what Releif can be given us. Upon a moderate Computation, few Voyages which are set on foot from hence particularly to the Western Parts of India but what pays Your Honours from ten to twelve ℔ cent when at the same time the Owners do not divide Principal, We would not be understood as if we desired to be [made free of all] Dutys, our Intention is [no] more than [. . . opinions] how [far] it may be necessary to enable us to trade upon the same terms our Neighbours do, for at present Your Honours lose every Duty by our not being able to trade at all. At the same time we have the Mortification to see the French sending ships to all parts of India. Several of them were here and for so far as they added to the account of our Customs and were not of any Prejudice to the Place, or our Inhabitants, we are sure they had no reason to complain of our Complaisance & Indulgence but we could not with the same temper see their Agents ferreting among our Merchants to engage them in their Stocks, and Loans at Respondentia, We had too much Reason to observe that all we cou'd say was rather looked upon to proceed from what we wish'd than any Power to prevent it, However upon the receipt of your Orders this Year, we took into Consideration what might be proper for us to do, and the 21st July resolved upon fixing at the sea Gate several Orders which are humbly offered to your Honours more judicious Consideration and opinion thereupon. It may perhaps be thought that the force of those Orders are almost Explain'd away by the Rule which follow them in our Consultation of that date, but the Exigencys which happen in such a Course of Trade as is carried on in India makes it almost impossible to lay down any fix'd and certain rules for constant Observation, & thô Trade may be mended by prudent Regulations, it is apt to be very impatient under any great Restraint.

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48. Your Honours two Paragraphs under this Head relating to the Normanton shall be duely regarded if she comes this way. 52 par 53

49. We wrote Your Honours by the Prince [. . .] that the Nabob's Sons with their Army were gone [. . .] of [Misore] and as we then apprehended they

found him a much more powerfull Prince than those of Tanjore and Tritchanopoly. In this Expedition to Misore they have expended great sums of Money, lost many Men and much reputation. They have retreated with their Army from thence and are at present very quiet about Tritchanopoly. Reports are various whether they will return to Arcot or continue some time longer to the Southward.

50. The Nabob ever since our last has continued at Allumpara, very negligent and inattentive to all Affairs and of Course little regarded.

51. In the mean time that the Army has been at so great a Distance and the Nabob absent from his Capital, it has given rise to many Disorders in the Province. There have been frequent Robberys in the Great Towns as well as in the Roads, and the Exactions of the Havildars has been so vexatious and intolerable to the Natives that several Towns and Villages have been deserted by the Inhabitants. In a word the Confusion and Disorder of the Country is exceeding great and the Merchants know not where to trust their Money for purchase of the Manufactures of the Country.

FIFTHLY CONCERNING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

52. We shall always as near as possible follow Your Honours Directions in the 54th. Paragraph under this Head. As to the Buildings at Vizagapatam all that have as yet been repaired is only the Metta Gate Guard the Powder House and Peons Choultry. There are yet remaining the Main Guard Gate and the Hall of the Fort besides the large Godown which must be pulled down and the Battery by the Sea Side is in so bad a Condition that it will soon fall if not pulled down being already [. . .] to the Ground. All these Repairs wou'd have been finish'd before this time if they had not been stopped by the Want of Chinam.

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55 par. 53. We keep so good an Eye over the Renters & Farmers of the Revenues that we beleive the Inhabitants have not at present any reason to complain of being oppressed by them, when they have we shall do our best to follow Yor. Directions, thô it is a matter of Doubt with us whether by our new modelled Constitution we have any Legal Authority to do more than take away the Cowles.

56 par. 54. We desire your Honours to be persuaded it is a matter very frequently in our thoughts how to improve every Branch of your Revenues, and to make such Regulations as may prevent any Impositions to Yor. Prejudice and whenever any Leases expire we always consider the terms and Duration. We thought the Advance of One hundred and Eighty Pogodas in the Ruby Brokerage a very pretty encrease being above a fourth part more than it produced before, but whatever is the fate of the Diamond Trade the nature of it is such that it never was nor ever can be subject to to the Dutys which are paid on Rubies and other precious stones.

55. All possible Care is taken in collecting the several Branches of your Customs and those are kept regular to their Payments who are now in Possession of the several Cowles for the Villages and other branches of your Revenues.

Consn. 31 May. 56. We met with great Trouble to recover the Arrears due from the Old Renters of Egmore &ca. Villages and the Companys Great and little Gardens not only the Renters but their Securitys proving Insolvent. Had we proceeded in the Method prescribed with the Charter we should [. . have] got so far by this time as to have obtained a Judgment, and after that we are very sure an Execution would have stood us in little stead. Since We were able to get the Money at last, we think Your Honours will not be anxious about the Method we took to recover it or displeased it was not sooner than the 31st. May last. It was impossible for us to get any thing more, and therefore we hope you will please to approve that we repaired the Gardens at Your Expence, the Estimate is after our Consultation of the 26th. April and the real Charge after that of the 29th. Novemr.

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57. The Sea Customers and Salt Petre Godowns were finish'd last Year those on the other side of the Sea Gate now in use for a weighing Place & Storehouse want also to be pulled down being built at the same time as the others and now full as bad ; we shou'd have sett about that Work this last Year cou'd we have procured

Materials to please us, particularly good Chinam which is a main Article. At Present all our repairs are at a stand the Country People insisting that we shou'd take it in Powder as they have brought it in for these Eighteen Years past and we contending that they shall deliver it to us in Stone & unslacked.

58. The Head Men of Pullee have given us another Cowle for the digging Iron Stone for twenty years longer in consideration of the same Present which was made them by President Harrison the Cowle given in his time expired four or five Years ago, and the Iron stone made use of since from the other Parts of the Country was so soft it mouldred away presently. Cons. 12 July 29 Novr.

59. The Merchants complaining that great Quantities of Cloth were eat by the White Ants and other Vermine in the Washing Town for want of proper conveniencies to keep it, we order'd the Paymaster to make twelve brick Pavements laid in Chinam which [cost] Pagods. [...] 18 : 34 : 50 and being so necessary we hope for your Honours Approbation. Do. 21st. Febry. 29 Novr.

60. For the reasons mentioned in our Consultation of the 3d. Septemr. we have put your Honours to the Expence of purchasing a peice of Ground and Building thereon, two Inclosures for keeping and preserving the Iron Guns and Anchors and for more conveniently keeping the Redwood, a Calculate of the Expence is entered after Consultation the 17th. September but we cannot send Yr. Honours the exact Charge as the Inclosures are not yet finished for want of Chinam, which also is the reasons why as yet we have done little to our Bridges more than to prevent any fresh damage.

61. There have been also some necessary Repairs set about the Fort House and Base Offices at the Garden, the Charge of which is entered upon our Consultations. Consn. 18 Octor. 29 Novr.

62. We shall here reply to the 58th, 59th, & 60 Paragraphs of your Honours Letter of the 23d. January and first Your President begs Leave to assure you he is not unmindfull of the Promise he had the Honour to make you in Person that he would examine thoroughly into every Item of Expence and that he wou'd not allow any needless charge and we all of us beg Leave to assure your Honrs. we are assisting to him therein to the utmost of our Power, nor are we wanting in our Duty by neglecting any Opportunity that offers to reduce your Charges ; But the very exact Scrutiny and the great reduction made by Your Honours in the Charges of this Place and the Subordinate Settlements in the Year 1723 has left no room for us to lessen the Expence of the Military Gunroom Crew and our List of Peons.

63. As to the Military Your Honours will [. . . k]eep it as near as possible within the Bounds prescribed us, and whenever it exceeds, the reasons are particularly set forth. Due care is taken to prevent false Musters and inclosed in the Packet we send our Officers Report of tne Military which they were ordered to deliver us that Your Honours might at one view be able to Judge of the Nature of the service, and whether the same can be performed by a fewer Number of Men. We are sorry Your Honours will observe so many of our Men desert from us, but the Temptation to leave us is too strong, there being no other Place in India where the Pay is so small, aud all necessaries of Life so dear. Consn. 1737 17 Janry.

64. In Consultation of the 19th. August 1732 the List of the Gunroom Crew and their stations were considered by the then President and Council and in the 66th. Parah : of their Letter to your Honours dated the 28th. of the same Month, they give their reasons why the Number of Persons employed were as few as possible. Your Honrs. Answer thereto is in the 33d. Paragraph of your Letter dated the 29th. January 1733.

65. The last Paragraph but one under the fourth head in our Letter by the Brittania gave Your Honrs : an Account how the Peons in your Pay are employed to which we have Occasion to add now that all this last Year many of our Peons have been abroad in the Country to clear the Merchants goods and Provisions for the Town from the Juncanneers who pretend they were unacquainted wth. Sallabad which very likely may be as there are such frequent changes at their Mettas : At that near us there have been four Different Men in three Months, the Country also being very unsettled we have been obliged to let our Contract Merchants have some of our Peons to assist in carrying on the Business of your Investment ; so that the

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Number allowed by Your [Honours] have not been sufficient for our Occasions which have often obliged the President to take thirty or Forty from the Polligar to help out and that has drawn another Complaint upon us from the Inhabitants that the Watch of the Town was not sufficiently taken care of, and that they were Exposed to House Breakers and street Robbers.

58 Par.

66. As to the other two Articles in our Expence which Your Honours are pleased to distinguish by Wages & Allowances and Servants Wages and Allowances every particular is plainly entered in the Paymaster's Accounts and we can assure Your Honours none of those Particulars are fictitious. But as several of them proceeded originally from Your Honours Bounty & Indulgence it is our Duty to submit to what may be your Pleasure concerning all or any Allowances to ourselves. But we trust Your Honrs. will not think we deserve less than our Predecessors, & will also consider the superiour Advantages they had in Trade as well as that Provisions and all Necessaries are increased to double the prices they were at twenty years ago, and obliges every one of us to be at a considerable Expence beside even in servants Wages and those other Articles that your Honours had designed fully to provide for by your Allowances. And yet we may assure Your Honours and we beleive those who come Home will confirm the same that we are far from running into Pomp and Show or any needless Expence. Frugality is become very necessary and is so generally practised that we beleive there never was fewer Instances of Extravagance among Your Servts. and the Inhabitants of the Place than at Present. Nevertheless if yet you shall think fit to retrench any more of those Allowances which are particularly for our selves Your Orders shall be obey'd with that submission which becomes us, but we must take upon us humbly to desire that Your Honours will not think of reducing our Military & Gunroom Crew which are now so few that if we shou'd admit they are sufficient for the ordinary Guard of the Place, we cou'd not spare any to march out in case of any Troubles with the Country Government or any other Extraordinary Occasion.

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67. Your Honours by Inspection into the Paymasters accounts will observe the Bulk of his Payments are to the Military, Gunroom Crew and Peons and the Rolls of them are his Vouchers; the fixed Wages & Allowances are also well known to us all; and for Repairs of Fortification on account of the workmen employed therein and all others accidental Charges is deliver'd every Night in Writing to the President, and in this Method there is as little room for Fraud as in any can be thought on. If there can be no Confidence placed in any body there can be no Employ of Trust entered upon at any time, and for ourselves we hope our Conduct hitherto has given you no reason to distrust our Fidelity.

par 60.

68. The Accomptant's Report of the Annual Charges and Revenues is designed cheifly to point out to Your Honours in one View the Encrease or Decrease in either with the principal Reasons for the same, this Year it was deliverd in the Beginning of December and it will be very rare if it can be made sooner as our Books are not closed long before, being kept open to make the Adjustments from the Books of the Subordinate Settlements. But as for our own particular remarks they are at other times, and as occasion offers for not only our Expences, but now also those of the subordinate Settlements are monthly reported in Consultation and if any Exceedings are observed therein [due] Notice is taken thereof.

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63 par

69. Your Honours were advised last Year of the Regulations which were made in the Revenues & Expences of Vizagapatam and we doubt not you will be pleased with the Effect they have had for your Service.

61 Par.

70. The Gentlemen in Bengall seem to have mistaken your Honours Directions that their ships shou'd import only at Madrass, when bound for this Coast, they have contented themselves with taking Bond that the ships shou'd pay the Madrass Customs and left them still at Liberty to trade at the Moors Ports, & sometimes do even give Passes thither, an Instance whereof we were advised of in March last and your Honours will observe the Resolutions we came to in Consultation 22d. of that Month but as either the Owners or the Governr. & Council altered their Intentions about that ship she went to Manilha directly from Bengall and we were not troubled with her upon this Coast.

71. Upon the receipt of your Orders in y^e^. 62^d^. Paragraph of your Letter by the Grantham we had them Privately suggested to our Mint People the Answer they gave was that if there were any such the Company must find somebody else to coin their Money. We had particular reasons why we did not think it safe to acquaint them publickly with your Orders. The Difficulty we met with last year in reducing the Charge of Coinage from two to one and a half ℔ Cent, thô it was to be for no longer than your Pleasure shou'd be known and upon Promise also that we would intercede with Your Honours to allow them two ℔ Cent as before for the Reasons set forth in their Petitions. We say the Difficulty we met with then give us no Reason to hope for success in [*a few words lost*] for a further ruduction, besides we knew the Minters in the Country Mints have greater Advantages; one very considerable is the having Business in them almost the whole Year whereas Ours have Nothing to do but for two Months or thereabouts to coin Your Honours Silver. It is a great deal of work they do for the time and requires a great number of Hands and all those must be supported the rest of the Year by what they gain in those two Months. Your ships arrived late this Year and but little time to coin the silver and we were fearfull of the Consequence shou'd we in such Circumstances insist upon harder terms, if they had left the Bounds we had not much time to parly with them and if they had insisted upon the old terms we know not how far Necessity might have obliged us to comply. As we know little of the Practice in the Bombay Mint, the most of what we shall say of it will be only Arbitrary Conjectures supported by little more than Hear-say. Except as to the Produce of silver there concerning which Governor Horne wrote Your President in Aug^t^. 1735 the Minters there refused to coin any more foreign silver at the Old rate and insisted upon a considerable Abatement and desired our Mintmasters Opinion how many Rupees 100 Ounces of each species wou'd produce with us and for his better Guidance sent a particular Account of the rate they allowed before at Bombay and what they wanted to deliver them at. In the last we observe for 100 Oz of New Mexico Dollars they wou'd deliver only 243 : 2 : 28 (Rup^s^. qr^s^. Doll^s^.) but whether their Offer was accepted we know not. Your Honours will observe our Minters deliver but 242¾ so that yet there is a Difference of 3 Q^rs^. 28 D^rs^. in 100 Oz. which our Minters deliver less than these at Bombay, but we cannot take upon us to assign any positive Reason why it is so; We are told indeed that Your Mint Customs at Bombay are very considerable and if it be so the Minters must have a great deal more work there than Ours have here and that may be one Cause. But whatever may be the inducement to the Minters at Bombay to deliver more Rupees than Ours we are very positive we shall not be able to procure better Terms here, at least till our Minters have some constant and Considerable Bussiness more than the Coinage of your own Silver, but that whenever it happens must proceed from some other Motives than any Method We shall venture to propose at present. We have assayed some Surat Rupees here and find them even worse than the Arcot Rupees. At the same time we are told at Surat the Bombay Rupee by the Influence of the Governm^t^. will not at sometimes pass without a Discount. But doubtless the Merchant finds it for his Interest to coin at Bombay as thereby he saves the Custom on Importation of Bullion at Surat besides an Extravagant Deduction for Tanksallage, Dutys that if the Merchants cou'd be reliev'd from at Surat perhaps there would be as little Business in the Bombay Mint as in Ours. Your Honours will know from the Gentlemen of Bombay whether so large a Coinage there has not given Umbrage to the Government of Surat. As for the Coinage on this Coast the Country Mints deliver 254 Arcot Rupees for 100 Oz Mexico Dollars and as we cannot give more than two hundred thirty nine to the Merchant Custom and Coinage deducted it is easily demonstrated where his interest will lead him to coin his Silver, for notwithstanding the Intrinsick Difference in the finess of the two Rupees they have for some Years in most Parts been equally receiv'd and from Vizagapatam, Northward as farr as Conaca, the Arcot Rupees have been preferred to ours. But in Bengall they have this Year reed a considerable [check] the cause whereof we shall as briefly as possible relate to your Honours Our Neighbours at Pondicherry have for some Years been endeavouring to obtain a Liberty from the Nabob for coining the Arcot Rupee this Year soon after their ships arrived from Europe, a very splendid

Embassy was sent up to Arcot; it would be tedious and not material to trouble you with the steps they took in the Progress of their Business. Imaum Sahib undertook their Affairs and their People were dismissed with hopes of a favourable Answer when the Nabob came down to Allumpara his Excellence had not been long there before it was publickly declar'd he had granted the French a Chop to coin Arcot Rupees, the consideration was not so publickly known but beleiv'd to be not less than One hundred thousand Rupees to the Nabob twenty five thousand to Emaum Sahib, and five thousand among the Inferiour servants about the Nabob, but whatever their Expence was the French plumed themselves much upon their Success and talked of little less than having the Coinage of all the silver which came to the Coast. One of their ships arrived from France and her money was coined in the New Mint and sent to Bengall. In about a Month after the Nabob affected to have repented of his Grant, pretended he had been deceived and demanded the Chop back again. We were somewhat surpriz'd at the Nabob's Conduct because we were all along of Opinion it wou'd be always in his Power to fling Cold Water upon their Mint whenever he pleased but whatever his Intentions were the French were very apprehensive he wou'd give them a good deal of Trouble and put themselves to great Charges in preparing for their Defence in case they should be attacked. At length we are told from Bengall that Futty Chund is resolved to lower the Batta of the Arcott Rupees to five ℔ Cent and declares he will not take the Pondicherry Rupees but as so much silver according to the Weight and fineness, Your Honours will doubtless be advised of this affair from the Gentlemen of Callcutta with more particulars than are as yet come to our Knowledge but it is certain our Neighbours are much chagrined about it. As to the common Arcott Rupees which are coin'd in the Country Mints Our Merchants compute that if the Batta is reduced in Bengall to four ℔ Cent it will then be their interest to coin their silver in the Madrass Mint. Your Honours may be assured we shall omit no Encouragement we can give them whenever an Opportunity offers but from what has been already said it is easily discerned the Influence which the Government has over all the Coins which are Current in the Mogulls Dominions.

72. This leads us to acquaint Your Honours of another Affair which more nearly concerns Ourselves. It is now about Eighteen Months since that we resolved to lay aside the use of the M M Pagodas in our Payments & receipts on your Honours Account, and we troubled you with our Reasons for the same, We found no ill Effect from it all last Year nor can we yet say that we are sensible of any Inconvenience from the Currency of the present Coin of the Country, whatever we may have Reason to apprehend in future if timely Care be not taken to prevent it. In our Arguments about the M M Pagodas we confined ourselves too much within our own Circle and thô we did then consider that part of our Investment which was made to the Northward, yet we cou'd not imagine the Madrass Pagodas wou'd rise to so high a Batta as Eight to Eight and a half ℔ Cent. It was an Omission also that we did not duely consider the intrinsick value of Gold and silver and the Proportion which they bear to each other. We hope we have taken sufficient care in both these Respects now. Your Honours will observe in our Consultations the 13th. Decemr. the reasons we had to apprehend you might be effected by the Baseness of the Current Coin of the Country and how far. The Resolutions we came to thereupon are so well founded and we think supported with so much Reason that we are not apprehensive anything can be imputed to us which may prejudice us in Your Honours Opinion; if it were necessary we cou'd easily demonstrate how much our Private Fortunes will be affected thereby, but we hope that will never have any Influence over us when in Competition with your Interest. If it has an Effect to put any Check upon the Practices to the Country Government and to induce them to mend the State of their Coin, one good End will be answer'd and then those will cease to complain who imagine that our Orders have fixed any hardship upon them, but we may rather say if they are Angry it is without other reason than because we do not sacrifice Your Interest to theirs and their Correspondents. We have ordered an exact Account to be kept of the receipts and Issues of the Madrass Pagodas and we compute a considerable Profit will arise to Your Honours by the Batta, besides which the Custom on the Coinage will be another Benefit.

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73. Your Honours were advised two Years ago the only Means we cou'd think proper to encourage so usefull a set of Men as the Weavers to settle within our Bounds, by the Cowle given to Chindadre Pettah. It was drawn up after great Deliberation and every Article of it so necessary that we are persuaded without it all other means would have been ineffectual. It is therefore a very sensible Concern to us that Your Honours have not been pleased so far to approve of what we did as to satisfy us we have any Authority to engage in any other Undertakings of the same kind, which otherwise we might have been encouraged to from the success we have had in this. We wrote Your Honours last Year that 230 Families were settled in Chindadree Pettah and there are now as many more, and if we could be sure they wou'd be supported in the Priviledges granted them we might venture to assure Your Honours it would in a very few Years prove a Noble and benificial thing to the Place and y^r^. Interest. 64 par. Lettrs. from England 23 Janry.

74. The death of Sunca Venkatachillum commonly called Sunca Ramah last Year has relieved us from all doubt and Perplexity as to what Conduct we were to observe towards him and at the same time to act consistently with Your Orders in the 65 and 95^th^. Paragraphs of your Letter by the Grantham. His wicked Practices with the Country Government have appeared so notorious that we beleive few doubt of their Reality and heretofore we should have been in no Doubt how to deal with him. It is a Duty incumbent upon us to acquaint Your Honours that if we have not Authority to inflict some Examplary Punishment upon such Wretches Your Fortunes and all our Lives may at some time or other be exposed to great Danger.

75. Agreable to what Your Honours are pleased to intimate in Your 95^th^. Paragraph Suncu Moodoo Ramah has been acquainted with Your Inclinations to have all Matters in difference ended by Arbitration; possibly his own temper wou'd lead him to an amicable accommodation but those who were so busy in directing the Nephew have not been less active in dictating to the Uncle.

76. We return Your Honours Thanks in behalf of ourselves and all the Inhabitants that you are pleased to permit us to lay out the Duty collected by the Scavinger or such part thereof in cleaning the streets as there may be a real Occasion for, we ventured last Year to expend part thereof in that service and we beg Leave to assure you we will not for this or any other Service put you to any greater Charge than is really necessary. 67 par. Lettrs. from England 23 Janry.

77. After the account we have given Your Honours under the last Head of the Deplorable State of our country Trade it may be necessary to give some Reasons why our Sea Customs continue at so great a height. By the Account delivered in by the Accomptant ending April last the Sea Customs amounted to thirty seven thousand Eight hundred Ninety one Pagodas which is three thousand Six hundred Ninety Pagodas more than the former Year. But by the Account ending the Ult^o^. Dec^r^. last the decrease in the Customs on Grain only was six thousand eight hundred fifty five Pagodas from which deduct Two thousand two hundred fifty two Pagodas encreased by the Customs on goods reduces the Decrease in the whole Year to four thousand six hundred and three Pagodas. Our present unhappy circumstances owing to the small Importation of Grain accounts for the great Decrease in the Customs of that Article. But that the Customs on Goods are encreased is owing to the large Sum brought to account by the Sea Custom^r^. in Novem^r^. for Custom on Coral. We shall be mindfull of your Direction that no Orders be made which may diminish any branch of Your Revenues without Your previous Directions. 68 par. Cons. 1737 10 Janry.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

78. In answer to Your Honours 70^th^. Parag^ph^. under this head Your President takes Leave to assure You no Endeavours on his part will be wanting to encrease Your Mint Customs and all other Branches of your Revenues, but we must Join with him in Opinion that it wou'd be deceiving Your Honours in what is Your true Interest if we shou'd oblige the Merchants to coin their money in our Mint when they have a greater advantage by it otherwise, It is by a very slender Tye that we hold the residence of many of our Inhabitants & we are bold to say that neither the Lettrs. from England 23 Jan^r^.

sea or Land Customs wou'd keep up to the Height they do, if we were not particularly tender in our Conduct to the Merchants which is more especially necessary at this time that our neighbours give all possible Encouragement for the resort of all People to them. Our own Commerce labours already under great Difficulties and Hardships which it is not in our Power to prevent & under such Circumstances we should think it a wrong Policy to augment them by trying any new Experiments.

71 par. 79. We shall comply with Your Orders by following our constant method not to grant Bills or Certificates for any sum before we have the Money in cash and Your Honours will find upon our Consultations that we observe to compare the Cash Chest with the Ball^{ce}. of the Account.

75 par. 80. M^{r}. Wodnoth went home to England on the Nassau, he shou'd otherwise have been sent to the West Coast agreable to Your Orders. Your Honours had a List sent you by the Hanover in the Year 1714/15 what number of servants were necessary to do the Business here and at the subordinate settlements & it has been the constant Practice since to submit it to Your Honours how far you would please to comply therewith we shall only add that our Writing Work is more now than at that time, and a few good Hands will always be of more use to us than a great Number of servants.

Lett^{rs}. from England 23 Janry. 77 par. 81. We are sorry the Encouragement your Honours have given the Diamond Trade has not answer'd the good Effects you hoped from it. Diamonds are rather Dearer now than before owing as we are told to the Demand made for them by the Great Men in the Country ; and at the same time no Permission to open new Mines, Except upon very extravagant terms. However the sum for Bills in return for Coral is not so large by this ship as it was this time last Year. It was a great Quantity which came out by the last ships and it is looked upon now as a falling Commodity.

82. The Church Register comes now in the Packet as it wou'd have done two Years ago but was by mistake copied on a different sized Paper from the rest and there was not time to copy it over again. Whenever we have occasion We shall not omit to regard your Injunction in the close of the 79th. Paragraph.

82 par. 83. Phillip Heigham Weakes Credit & William Oakers are wrote off to Account Current London, as we shall do all other deceased Persons Credits where there are no further Demands on them in India.

84. Your Honours 83^{d}. Paragraph is answer'd in substance under the third Head, and we only mention it here to show it has not missed our Attention.

84 par. Consn. 25 Aug^{t}. 1 Nov^{r}. Letters sent N°. 74. Lett^{rs}. Recd. 1737 N°. 2. 85. Soon after the receipt of Your Commands by the Grantham we wrote to Vizagapatam concerning their Military, their answer to which is in our Letter receiv'd N°. 96. the Government in those Parts has lately been very troublesome to our People, but we hope matters will soon be easy when we shall leave no more force there than what is absolutely necessary for the safety of the Place.

85 par. 86. Care shall be taken in our next Years Consultation Book to prevent Your Complaint of the Diary of Ships Arrival and Departure, the Young Gentlemen employed in transcribing them hope Your Honours will excuse any faults of that kind in this years.

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86 par. 87. It was owing Entirely to an Omission that the proper Entrys were not made upon our Consultations when we receiv'd Your Commands by the Princess Royal. We assure Your Honours we always pay that regard to your Orders as to give Your Letters an immediate reading how long soever we postpone the consideration of some parts of them.

87 par. 88. The Chief of Vizagapatam and the Resident of Ingeram never come up hither without Leave which we never grant, nor we beleive do they ask when there is any Likelyhood that your Investment will suffer by their absence.

89 par. 111. 89. M^{r}. Francis Faillet is discharged and an Ensigns Commission given to M^{r}. Francis Cooke in his Room.

90. Mr. Charles Boddam is not yet arriv'd from China; when he and Messrs. Joseph Fowke, Halliburton, Powney and Cooke are of Age, their Covenants shall be executed and returned. 78 par.

91. Mr. Goodwin is stationed under the Storekeepr. which Employ Your Honours will observe requires a great deal more writing Work than formerly and able Hands to perform it. Mr. Henry Powney we have sent to Fort St. David where they write for another Assistant, and which we shall send them after the Dispatch of these Ships. Mr. Prince and Mr. Joseph Fowke are employed in the Secretarys Office, and Mr. Jno. Cooke under the Import Wareho. keepr. Mr. Richard Starke is so usefull a hand in the Secretary's Office that we hope Your Honours will dispense with our keeping him on as a monthly Writer till we have another Covenanted servant if you do not please to admit him as such. The List of the Company's Servants in the Packet will shew Your Honours how all the rest are stationed and we have entered it in our Book of Standing Orders not to admit any into Covenants abroad without Your previous Consent. 98. 99 par. 100. Lettrs. from England [. . .]

92. Mr. Sydney Foxal is also arrived here, We take him to be a very understanding Man in his Business, and hope he may be of great use to us. 12th Decr. 22d. Para.

93. Mr. William Percivals Indentures as a Free Merchant come in the Packet, and he desires us to return Your Honours his thanks for your Favour to him. Dº. 31 Para.

94. The Reverend Mr. Wynch arrived on the Prince William and we have had due regard to your directions concerning him. 23 para.

95. Messrs. Hubbard and Morse being Executors to the last Will of Captain Edward Orril deceased they have had Copy of your 30th. Paragraph deliver'd them, their answer to which is entered in our Letters receivd Nº. 103, they desire to add here that they are very ready to pay what they have in their Hands to the Legal Claimants but apprehend they cannot be secure in deviating from the Directions in the Will, without they are justified by a Decree of some Court of Law. 30th. Para.

96. Messrs. Sanderson & Harrison have been acquainted with Your Orders concerning them and desire us to return their thanks for your favour to them. As either of them desire to return hither we shall supply their Place in the best manner we can. 23d. January. 91 105 Para.

97. We have given Notice to the Register of the Mayors Court of your Orders to send Home annually in the Packet an attested copy of all Wills proved in that Court. 102d. Para.

98. Inclosed in the Shaftsbury's Packet we receiv'd as a mark of Your Honrs. favour and Confidence in us a Commission, appointing us to the Government and care of your affairs at this place and it's Subordinates, and we take Leave to assure Your Honours it shall always be our greatest care & study to promote your Interest and to discharge the Trust you have been pleased to repose in us with Diligence and Fidelity hoping thereby to merit the continuance of your Favour. Messrs. Morse, Torriano & Sanderson have executed their Covenants which come inclosed in the Granthams Packet, and have wrote to their Friends in England to propose to Your Honrs. the Security required, as has also Mr. Hubbard. Lettrs. from England 23d. Febry. 107 108 Para.

99. The 14th. Febry we consented to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam entertaining Mr. Gibson Surgeon with the same salary and Allowances as the Surgeon of Fort St. David. Mr. Stringer the former Surgeon being come away.

100. Capt. Amyand and one of our Ensigns being one with the party to Tellicherry and being in want of Commission Officers to do the Duty of the Garrison the 21st. June we are an Ensigns Commission to Sergeant William Turbutt.

101. Mr. Joseph Goddards Indentures are now signed and witnessed and come in the Grantham's Packet. Lettrs. recd. Nº. 59. Consn. 3d. July.

102. The 20th. Decr. last Mr. Rawson Hart was chosen and sworn in Mayor of the Corporation for the Ensuing Year & Mr. Thomas Cook Sheriff.

103. August the 3d. Captain Birch of the Haeslingfield deliverd us in a Bill for dieting Soldiers at the Cape as we cou'd find no Precedent for the Payment of any such Bills here we referred it to your Honours.

Consn; 25 Octor: 104. The account remains in the Storehouse was interchangeably signed by Messrs. Rous & Torriano the 27th. December. The Storekeeprs. Accounts are now put in the method Your Honours directed.

105. The 17th. August we order'd a Bill to be filed in the Mayors Court for the recovery of Robert Berriman of Fort St. David his Debt to Your Honours; partly the Forms of the Court and partly a long Vacation has as yet prevented a Decision.

106. A Parcel of Coats and Caps having stood for some Years upon the Fort St. David Books without any Alteration the 25th. March we wrote to know the meaning of it. The Answer of the Deputy Governour and Council is in our Letters rec'd No. 33, and we know not now Who to call upon to make You Satisfaction in our Letter thither No. 31 we have a given Directions that nothing shall stand upon their Books which is not under the Care of one of the Company's Servants whereby everything will be included in their Account remains and by that means prevent all such Neglect in future.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

107. We have by this Ship drawn the following Bills of Exchange on your Honours payable at the usual time and rate. The Major part of them are in return for Coral, the rest are for small Sums, either in return for deceased Persons Estates, for the maintenance of Children belonging to the Inhabitants of the Place or for the purchase of such Necessarys as your Honours are pleased to allow of being sent out to us.

	Sett.							
DATED 3D. JANRY.	1. To Isaac Salvadore or Order for	398	6	11½	995	31	24
	1. To Ditto	1177	15	9¾	2944	17	12
	1. To Ditto	444	4	10	1110	21	64
	1. To Ditto	1153	3	¼	2882	31	51
	1. To Judah Supino & Son or Order	1904	19	3½	4762	14	65
	1.	208	15	8¼	521	34	48
	6 setts value of Richard Benyon Esqr.						
	1. Jacob Dias or Order	913	7	8	2283	16	37
	1. To Abraham Osorio or order...	279	2	2	697	27	56
	2 sets value of Richard Benyon Esqr. and George Toriano.						
	1. To Jacob Mendes Da Costa or order...	61	10	—	153	27	—
	1. To Isaac Salvadore or Order ...	234	7	½	585	31	55
	2 sets value of Richard Benyon Esqr.						
10TH. JANUARY	1. To Peter Meyer and Company or order for account of John Babtista Mayor	1011	—	3¼	2527	19	21
	1. To Abraham & Jacob Franco or Order	859	11	1¼	2148	32	—
	1. To Ditto	794	19	4¾	1987	15	20
	1. To Ditto	1692	3	3	4230	14	52
	4 sets value of Abraham & Henry Salomons.						

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1. To Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order value of Randall Fowke and Abraham and Henry Salomons	289	9	2½	723	23	40	
1. To Eleanor Cooke and Abraham and Jacob Franco or Ord^r. value of Randall Fowke and John Hammond	866	17	1½	2167	5	—	
1. To John Mendes Dacosta or Order	93	16	3	234	19	10	
1. To Charles Benyon or order ...	82	8	—	206	—	—	
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2 sets value of Randall Fowke.							
1. To Rich^d. Say or order account the Estate of James Say deceas'd value of John Goulding	60	—	—	150	—	—	17TH JANUARY
1. To John and Michael Ennis or ord^r. value of Cap^t. Thomas Egan	40	—	—	100	—	—	
1. To George Morton Pitt Esq^r. or ord^r. value of George Drake	200	—	—	500	—	—	
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1. To John Whichcott and William Turner or order for account the Estate of Nathaniel Turner value of Richard Benyon	498	13	5½	1246	24	50	17TH JANUARY
1. To William Jennings and Abrah^m. and Jacob Franco or Order	1324	7	7¼	3310	34	21	
1. To Joseph and David Franco or Order	124	19	4¾	312	15	24	
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2 sets value of Rawson Hart and Abrah^m. & Henry Salomons.							
1. To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order	232	10	2½	581	9	75	
1. To Ditto	255	2	3¾	637	28	35	
—							
2 sets value of Rawson Hart & John Hammond.							
1. To John Walsh or order for account the Children of Elizabeth Walsh deceased value of Richard Benyon Esq^r. ...	100	—	—	250	—	—	21ST JANRY
1. To John Emmerson & Duncan Munro or Order value of Will^m. Johnson	103	—	—	257	18	—	
1. To Richard Wyat or Order value of William Percival ...	100	—	—	250	—	—	
1. To Charles Peers & Edmund Godfrey or order value of John Saunders	250	—	—	625	—	—	
To Alex^r. Bennet or Order value of Cornelia Hordon	100	—	—	250	—	—	

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	1. To Alex^{r}. & George Ouchterlony on acc^{t}. the Estate of George Mackenzie decd, value of Robert Douglass ...	461	1	3	1152	23	50
	1. To Jacob Abenator Pemental or Order	944	19	$10\frac{1}{4}$	2362	17	24
	1. To Moses Espinoza or order ...	536	4	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1340	18	50
21st JANRY.	—						
	2 sets value of John Hammond.						
	1. To Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order on account of Jacob de Moses Franco value of John Hammond and Abraham and Henry Salomons ...	1249	4	—	3122	35	79
	1. To Abraham & Jacob Franco or Ord^{r}. value of Abraham & Henry Salomons	1166	1	1	2915	4	71
	1. To Hugh Watson or Order value of Nicholas Morse and Will^{m}. Monson	206	—	—	515	—	—
	1. To Daniel Morse or Order value of Nicholas Morse ...	288	8	—	721	—	—
DATED 24TH. JAN^{RY}.	1. To Charles Rigby or Order Value of Augustus Burton ...	145	3	8	362	34	40
	1. To Elizabeth Torriano or Ord^{r}.	164	16	—	412	—	—
	1. To Anthony DaCosta or order.	463	10	$5\frac{3}{4}$	1158	29	15
	—						
	2 sets value of George Torriano.						
	1. To Judah Supino & Son or Ord^{r}.	489	15	$10\frac{1}{2}$	1224	17	38
	1. To Ditto	664	10	$6\frac{1}{4}$	1662	11	29
	1. To Jacob Fernandes Nunes or order	59	—	$7\frac{3}{4}$	147	20	70
	1. To Francis Gee Esq^{r}. or ord^{r}.	52	13	4	131	24	—
	—						
	4 sets value of Nicholas Morse.						
DATED 26TH. JAN^{RY}.	1. To John Stratton or Order value of himself	41	4	—	103	—	—
	46 sets amounting to	£22787	2	$10\frac{3}{4}$	56968	31	26

103. In y^{e}. Packet by this ship comes a state of the Receipts Issues and Remains of Stores from the time the Books have been brought into the new Method. In future this shall always begin the 1st. December and end the 30th. Nov^{r}. whereby Your Honours will be better able to Judge of our Indents, but it was not practicable to do it this year. Our present Indent is regulated by this state allowance being made for the Issues of the eight preceding Months.

EIGTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

Lett^{rs}. sent N^{o}. 5.

109. We advised Your Honours in our last that when M^{r}. Robert Lennox went over from hence last Year, we had appointed him Deputy Governour in case of the Death or absence of M^{r}. Everest we shall now add what more we have to say under this Head.

110. The present Committee for the West Coast Affairs are Mess^{rs}. Morse, Rous and Torriano to whom we referred the Letters and Papers receiv'd from thence by the George in Septem^{r}. last, they delivered in their Report the 29th. November

following and our Resolutions thereon are in Consultation the 6th. December to which we beg Leave to refer you. We are now sending the George thither, and Copy of our Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council will come in the Shaftsbury's Packet.

111. We advised your Honours by the Nassau that we had given Directions to the Deputy Governour & Council to prepare Bricks and Chinam to lay the Foundations of a House at Moco Moco, that in the meantime we would get ready the Wood Work here, and that we should wait Your Directions concerning the other Buildings which were necessary there. It is intimated to us by the Deputy Governour that the Nature of the situation will render it difficult to erect the Buildings there in the manner we had proposed, for in digging less than two feet the Water rises so fast, the Workmen wou'd not be able to lay any solid and firm foundation. In debating this Affair we are humbly of Opinion, it is most for your Interest to consider further than the present Charge and Convenience The flourishing state of that Coast promises a very great Increase of Pepper in a few Years; and when Your Honours Wants at Home are supplied you will possibly order the surplus to be sold upon this Coast and the Bay. Whenever the Produce is so great to admit of that, it may very likely give Umbrage to some of your Competitors in India, and who therefore wou'd not be sorry to see us involved in troubles with the Natives, if they did not underhand make use of all their Endeavours to induce them to quarrel with us. We therefore submit it to your Consideration whether it may not be prudent and even necessary to guard agt. any Surprize from the Natives either to be apprehended from their own treacherous Dispositions or the Practices of others, by a reasonable and proper care for the safety of the several settlements and the security of the Trade there, and particularly that all the Buildings designed for security be made of Brick and Chinam, for we are humbly of Opinion that Mud Walls supported by Paggar sticks, will be a very improper Fence whenever the Natives are in earnest to attack us. Lettrs. from England [. . .]

112. It is not much above twenty Years since You were at the Charge of erecting the present Buildings at Moco Moco and by all accounts the whole are so much decayed that they require to be entirely rebuilt, this would not have been the case had they been good and substantial Brick Buildings, but perhaps the Difficulties which are apprehended now were foreseen at that time. The Gentlemen who are best acquainted with that Coast are of Opinion that Bental is much to be preferred to Moco Moco for erecting the designed Buildings, the situation being high more healthy and the Bar much safer; it is not thirty miles to the Southward of Moco and we are of Opinion here that a settlement there will as effectually secure the Trade to the Northward as that at Moco Moco; however we shall write to the West Coast to know if they have any Objections thereto, and if not we shall so soon as we have Your Permission to put you to the Expence of so much Building order the Factory to be removed to Bantall, where the Buildings may be made substantial and strong and may last for many Years, and as we do not apprehend they have as yet begun upon any Buildings at Moco Moco we shall direct them by the George to defer it till further Orders from hence.

113. We have not paid here the Gratuity Your Honours were pleased to design for Mr. Everest and if they have taken no Notice of it on the West Coast which you will know by the Letter from thence, it will remain for Your Honours to do as you think fitt in England. [. . .] Decr. par 28.

114. The Deficiency in Mr. Gees Account Remains of Pepper at Moco Moco has been made good here, and we have paid the Ballance of his Account to his Trustees.

NINTHLLY CONCERNING THE NEW CHARTER.

115. We receiv'd by the latter Ships Mr. Brownes sentiments concerning Law Affairs, and to comply with Your Orders a Copy thereof together with Copys of your Paragraphs relating thereto were delivered by the President to the late Mayor to be by him communicated to the rest of the Aldermen when and in such manner as he shou'd think proper. It wou'd be wasting too much of your time to trouble

you with the remarks which have very impertinently as well as indecently been made upon both. And Your Honours may perhaps take a proper Notice of an extraordinary Peice of Conduct in some of them which for ought they knew might have dissolved the whole Body. The 5th. of October last Messrs. John Saunders, Hugh Naish, Thomas Appleby, and Edward Mitchell resigned all at once their Office as Aldermen, and left only Mr. Goddard the Mayor and Mr. Edward Fowke upon the Bench. As they have not publickly given any reason for this step, we shall not take upon us possitively to assign any but as neither of them were to be prevailed upon to go upon the Bench again thô only to fill up the Vacancys, and all Proceedings were at a stand for near three Months till Mr. Allen another of the Aldermen cou'd come up from Fort St. David for that purpose, it does carry a little suspicion that they intended to involve us in some Confusion. Upon Mr. Allens arrival here the latter End of December, he together with Mr. Goddard the Mayor & Mr. Edward Fowke assembled in their Corporate Capacity and filled up the Vacancys with those who we persuade ourselves will not assume any greater Power than does legally belong to them, and for so farr we shall give them all the countenance and assistance in our Power.

116. The 28th. Septemr. the President was surpriz'd to see a great Croud of People enter the Fort Merchants and others who came with a Complaint that the Mayors Court had committed to Jail two Merchants named Perrimal Moodalare and Ram Chundree for no other Reason but that they had refused to take certain Oaths which they alledged were contrary to their Religion and the Rules of their Cast. The Crowd and Clamour was so great and some of them calling out that if such a Power was tolerated they would not contine longer in the Bounds, and knowing besides there was nothing about which these People are so tenacious as that which affects their religious Rites and Ceremonies the Presidt. thought himself under an absolute necessity of doing something immediately which might pacify and make them easy. Accordingly he sent for the Mayor and the Sheriff. The first owned to him that the said two Merchants were only imprisond because they had refused to take certain Oaths at Trivlicane Pagoda. We referr to the Records of the Court for the Proceedings there remarking only that they are much laboured and many things possitively asserted and taken as Facts only because they are charged in the Cross Bill, but they seem to have taken a new step different from the usual Practice. The regular method wou'd have been to give sentence against such of the Parties to the suit as had not in the Opinion of the Court made good their Complaint or Defence. But however that be, the President having talked some time with the Mayor about the Mischiefs which might attend such a method of proceeding told him in the End that he shou'd be wanting in his Duty, if he gave his consent to anything which might bring a probable Inconvenience upon the publick, that he looked upon this case in that Light and therefore wish'd that the Court would consider a little further and better about it. The President added that he shou'd be very ready to join with the Court in any measures which they shou'd propose that the regular Course of Justice might not be obstructed provided a due regard was had for consciences truly scrupulous and that the Natives might not be disturbed in their religious Rites and Ceremonies, but in the mean time he must desire Mr. Sheriff to release the two Merchts. upon their Parole which he accordingly did ; and then the People being satisfied they dispersed. The President acquainted the Council the next Day with what he had done with his Reasons for the same who approved thereof, but we avoided to mention it upon our Consultations being unwilling to record anything which might reflect upon the Gentlemen of the Mayors Court, and hoping also they wou'd have consider'd it again and have had the Prudence either to drop it or to propose some Method not liable to be attended with the Mischiefs this might have been.

117. Your Honours will recollect that last Year you were pleased to direct that in case of fines by the Mayors Court ; if it appeared to us they were attended with Circumstances of Arbritary Power or unreasonable Severity we had Liberty to remitt them. We cannot say that since then they have given us reason to complain of any thing of that sort. There was no Pleasure in fining if to be attended with

the Mortification of having the Party aggrieved releived by the President and Council. Apparently it was a restraint which gave them Uneasiness and some New Methods must be thought of. In the Instructions, with the Charter it is said "The Court may fine and imprison any of the Partys or Witnesses who misbehave themselves in Court or against whom a Complaint is made and proved. But the Party in the last Case is to be allowed a reasonable time for his Defence. We have it also in Jacobs's Law Dictionary "That in all actions *Quare Vi & Armis* If Judgment be "given against the Defendant, he shall be fined and imprisoned because to every Fine "IMPRISONMENT is incident; and therefore when a Defendant is fined for a Contempt "to any Court of Record, he may be imprisoned till the Fine is paid" It does not appear that these two Authorities had any Weight or were at all considered by the Mayors Court, and how remarkable soever they were two years before for imposing Fines for contempt, in this case they declin'd it entirely, and resolved upon absolute downright Imprisonment without Bale or Main Prize.

118. Your Honours will set us right how far the Proceedings are regular on both sides but if the Order of the Mayor's Court that the two Merchants shou'd take their Oaths at Trivlicane Pagoda be in the Nature of a Decree and the Mayor's Court cannot we suppose recal or vary any of their own Decrees after it has once passed them and it shou'd also happen which might have been the case that the Partys wou'd not take any Oaths which were against their Conscience they must have lain in Prison till their Fate was decided from England which wou'd have been near two years. A Grievance of so terrible a nature, and might have had Effects upon the Minds of the Natives so pernicious to the Welfare of the place that we beleiv'd ourselves under a Necessity of interposing, tho perhaps the Charter has not given us any plain Authority to controul that Court when they exceed the Bounds which it has prescribed them.

119. October the 5th. being the next Court day Messrs. Naish Saunders Appleby and Mitchel laid down as has already been mentioned. Whether owing to any Vexation in meeting with this Check added to their former Chagrin that Your Honours had disappointed them in their Expectations of being supported in their former Conduct we shall not take upon us to determine. Mr. Saunders is the only one among them who has thought fit to say anything in excuse for so extraordinary a Step. He told the President soon after that he had for some time before resolved to lay down so soon as the Prince William was sail'd and apprehending there was an Intention in the Court to enter into a Dispute with us whether we had Power to release any the Court thought fit to confine, and as he was not in Court when the two Merchants were confined, and perhaps if he had, shou'd have thought it an irregular Proceeding, he looked upon himself not at all obliged to enter into any Dispute about it and having before resolved to lay down he thought it wou'd be of no Consequence if he did it a few Days sooner and said he had not communicated his Intention to any of the rest, nor did he know they had any design to do the same. But whatever views any of them had we have no reason to complain of the Consequence; The Natives were very Quiet during the Vacation and at last towards the end of Decemr. the Vacancys in the Number of the Aldermen were filled up in the Manner we have already mentioned, and as we do not apprehend any Occasion of Complaint from those who are now in the Execution of that Office we shall not trouble Your Honours will any particular Instances wherein we think we have without Cause been censured in Mr. Brownes Sentiments. We think we shou'd have escaped much thereof, if not the whole, had it not been from the positive and bold assertions transmitted to England from the Mayors Court but which they industriously conceal'd from our Knowledge least we shou'd relate the cases differently.

120. We referred Your Honours in our last to two Cases mentioned upon our Consultations the 19th. April and 3d. Septemr. for your Opinion and Directions thereupon which otherwise shou'd have been particularly related under this Head. Lettrs. from England [. . .]

121. We wrote Your Honours by the Godolphin that the several Casts of the Natives had delivered us a Petition desiring that they might have the Liberty of deciding all Causes and Differences among themselves by the Heads of the Casts or

by Arbitration according to their own Laws and Customs, Copy of which we sent Your Honours in the Packet. As we expected the Arrival of the Ships from England with full and particular Directions upon many Cases we deferred the Consideration of the Casts Petition and having since read with attention Mr. Browns Sentiments and several Paragraphs in your Honours Letters we have again put off the Consideration till the Arrival of the Ships from England next Year but Your Honours may observe by what has been already related How much trouble we are exposed to by our present Method.

SUPPLEMENT

23d. Janry. 39 Para: 122. Our fine Goods have been brought in so late by our Merchants that we have purposely deferred what we have to say of this ships Cargo till now that she wants but a few Bales to compleat her Loading. The ordinary Long Cloths are much the same as usual, and still run chiefly in the lower Numbers. However as Your Honours are pleased to write us the Buyers do not make above a Shilling difference in a peice between each Number which is less *Pro Rata* than we make here we hope your Honours will not find any ill Effect from there being so few Bales of the first Number.

Par. 40. 123. We cannot get out of our Merchants any plain and certain reasons why they bring in so little middling and fine Long Cloth & Sallampores they always insist upon both in their Contracts and yet never bring any Quantity of either in at least such as they ought to do. It is for the most part thin and uneven, little of it that sorts to Number one and a great deal turned out as Your Honours might observe by the Quantity of Middling we sent on the Prince William upon an abatement.

124. Little of the Ordinary Sallampores by this ship is the Produce of this Part of the Country. That is another Mystery. Thô we have demonstrated to them that reckoning the square Inches in a peice of Salampores & a Peice of Long Cloth, that we rather pay more for the Salampores, that it is a lighter Cloth and must be more easily made by the Weaver, yet we can get no account from the Merchants why they are so deficient in that Article.

125. We sent Your Honours Twelve hundred and eighty peices of Ordinary Morees by the Prince William. We have but one Bale to send by this ship, and we doubt whether we can get any more in time to go by the Shaftsbury. Neither have we one peice of fine Morees of the common sort brought in since the Dispatch of the last Ship.

126. But of the Superfine Morees we send by this ship Grantham two Bales which we think will give satisfaction if they are quite thick enough. In such fine goods it is impossible to make them all alike, some are better than the Muster and some rather worse we have distinguished one from the other according to the best of our Judgment in the sorting, but in Justice to the Merchant we were obliged to take them one with another at the same Price.

127. The Betteelas of 40 and 50 Covids and the Oringall Betteelas are equal to the Numbers to which they are sorted.

128. We hope we have not mistaken Your Directions for the Pullicat Betteelas which you are pleased to order should be the best we can get and those we send by this ship are so. Your Honours were not pleased to direct whether they shou'd be three Covids or only two; we chose to order them three being the proper Breadth for Aprons.

129. By this ship we send the remainder of the Painted Baftaes, we have endeavoured to give Your Honours Satisfaction in them as well as the Madrass Chints, both with respect to the Patterns and Painting, and we think they must please. We observe Your Honours have indented for double the Quantity you did the Year before, and it is some Months ago we advanced the Money for the Cloth. We expect it in some time next month, after which the Painters will have the best part of the Year before them to consider the Patterns and perform the work as it ought to be.

130. We signed our Indent for the Import Warehouse some Days ago, and being since informed that eighteen or twenty Peices of Cloth of two Colours wou'd be much esteem'd in the Country and fetch a good price we desire Your Honours will order them to be sent us. We have yet only seen such as is red on one side and blue on the other but we suppose there may be some other mixture of Colours.

131. As we are writing this we have receiv'd a Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David, dated the 21st: Instant in answer to such parts of Your Honours last Letter to us as related more particularly to that Settlement we send a Copy thereof in the Packet and as it came so late to our Hands we beg Leave to referr thereto for the Difficulties which have attended the Investment in those Parts.

132. By the Normanton we took the Liberty to represent to Your Honours that our Cash wou'd annually be so great here by the Bills of Exchange for the Produce of Coral and deceased Persons Estates, as to leave no room for us to take in any Money whenever we had occasion to remit any part of our Fortunes to England and therefore requested the Liberty of sending Gold from China. Your Honours did not at that time think fit to permit us to return our Money that way but were pleased to allow that we might remit our Fortunes Home by Bills of Exchange from Bengall on the same terms with Your Covenanted servants there. It is not likely that when any of us return home all our Fortunes can at once be drawn out of the Trade and ready to pay into Cash at the same time that we quit Your Service to return to England; and we are informed the Gentlemen in Bengall understand Your Orders to extend no further than during such time as we are actually in Your Service and therefore refuse afterwards to grant Bills at any better rate than two Shillings & two pence the Rupee. We mention this at present only in Regard to those Gentlemen who are lately gone from hence and left part of their Fortunes behind them, but as it may be the case of all of us in time, We hope Your Honours will please to give such Directions to Bengall that we may not lose the Benefit you seem'd by Your letter to intend us, especially as we are debarred all other Means of getting our Mo[ney] Home.

133. One Gabriel Cooke a Sea-faring Person having been for sometime in our Hospital unhappily disordered in his senses, and no Hopes of his recovery here we have taken the Liberty to send him to England by this Ship as a Charter-party Passinger. Cons. 1737 10. Janry.

134. Your Honours will observe by the Muster Roll of this ships Company she has 5 Men short of her Compliment thô she has several Men out of our Garrison who upon being offered pay for the Voyage have petitioned for their Discharge, and who otherwise wou'd have been contented to remain longer with us. This will necessarily put Your Honours to the Charge of sending more recruits out & therefore we offer it to your more judicious consideration how farr such Expence may be saved by the Captains taking Care to have their Complement of Men when they come up hither from the Bay the Lascars he brought from thence engaged only for this Place and they refuse to go any further.

135. There being nothing more remaining here of the Effects seized at Porto Novo belonging to the Ulrica Eleonora we send in the Packet a General Account Sales, and an account Particulars of all Charges & Disbursements attending that Expedition.

136. The Invoice of Goods by this ship amounts to sixty three thousand one hundred ninety Pagodas seventeen fanams and Forty Cash 63,190: 17: 40. The Register of Bills in return for Coral to forty nine thousand five hundred Pagodas thirty one fanams & thirty six cash 49,500 · 31 : 36. The Manifest of Diamonds and other precious stones to five thousand four hundred & eleven Pagodas thirty fanams & fifty Cash 5411 : 30 : 50. The Captains Register of private Trade Laden in Bengall to twelve thousand three hundred Rupees five Anaes and nine Pice 12300 : 5 : 9 And what put on board here to two thousand two hundred ninety nine Pagodas fifteen fanams and forty Cash 2299 : 15 : 40.

137. Your Honours will also receive in this Packet an account of the Produce of such Chests of Coral for which returns are now made in full by the Grantham.

138. The Captains of this ship & the Shaftsbury acquainting us in Consultation of 24th. Instant that the Charter Party Quantity of Goods for St. Hellena were put on board them in Bengall we send none thither by these ships.

We wish this Ship safe home &

are

Honourable

Your faithfull hum̃ Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE
29th. JANUARY 1736/7.

LETTER TO ST. HELENA, DATED JANUARY 29, 1737. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12* p. 74.]

TO THE WORSHL. ISAAC PYKE ESQR.
GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF
ST. HELENA.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS.

The President and Council of Fort William having, as the Capts. of the Grantham & Shaftsbury acquaint us, put on board those Ships their Charterparty Quantity of Goods for Your Place this serves only to Inclose Copy of our last with Duplicate Invoice and Bill of Lading for what sent you on the Prince William. We are

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
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FORT ST. GEORGE
JANRY 29TH. 1736/7.

REGISTER OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE DRAWN BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE ON THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES PAYABLE AT TWO MONTHS SIGHT AND EIGHT SHILLINGS ℔ PAGODA IN RETURN FOR CORAL &C[A]. LICENCED BY THE SAID COURT OF DIRECTORS VIZ[T].

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
398	6	11½	Three hundred ninety Eight Pounds six shillings and Eleven pence half penny Sterling payable to Isaac Salvadore or order for nine hundred ninety five Pagodas thirty one fanams & twenty four Cash	995	31	24
			In full returns for the remains of two Boxes Coral Beads Markd B. S. N°. 1. 2 imported anno 1735 ℔ Ship Beaufort and Godolphin.			
1177	15	9¾	Eleven hundred Seventy seven Pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence three farthings sterl[g]. payable to D°. for two thousand nine hundred forty four Pagod[s]. seventeen fanams & twelve Cash	2944	17	12
			In part returns for two Boxes of Coral Beads marked S.L N°. 2.3 imported anno 1736 ℔ ship Shaftsbury.			
444	4	10	Four hundred forty four Pounds four shillings & ten pence sterling payable to D°. for Eleven Hundred & ten Pagodas twenty one fanams & [six]ty four Cash	1110	21	64
			In full returns for two Chests of Rough Coral Markd I.S. N°. 1. 2. imported Anno 1736 ℔ Ship Prince William.			
1153	3	¼	Eleven hundred fifty three Pounds three shillings and a farthing Sterling payable to D°. for two Thousand eight hundred eighty two Pagod[s]. thirty one fanams and fifty one Cash ...	2882	31	51
			In full returns for six Chests of rough Corral mark'd B.S. N°. 1 a 6 imported Anno 1736 ℔ Ship Prince William.			
1904	19	3½	Nineteen hundred and four Pounds nineteen shillings and three pence half penny sterling payable to Judas Supino and Son or Order for four thousand seven hundred and sixty two Pagod[s]. fourteen fanams & sixty five Cash ...	4762	14	65
			In part returns for three boxes of Coral beads and two Chests of rough Coral mark'd S.S. N°. 7 a 11 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Hasling-field Hallifax and Prince William.			
208	15	8¼	Two hundred and eight Pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence farthing, Sterling payable to Judas Supino and Son or Order for five hundred twenty one Pagod[s]. thirty four fanams forty eight Cash	521	34	48
			In full returns for one box of Corall beads mark'd I F S N°. 5 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Prince William.			
			Six Sets dated the 3[d]. of Janry value of Richard Benyon Esq[r].			

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
913	7	8	Nine hundred thirteen Pounds seven shillings and eight pence sterling payable to Jacob Dias or Order for two thousand two hundred, eighty three Pagodas sixteen fanams and thirty seven Cash	2283	16	37
			In part returns for 1 box of Coral beads mark'd M R N°: 1 imported Anno 1736 ℔ Ship Haslingfield.			
279	2	2	Two hundred Seventy nine Pounds two shillings and two pence sterling payable to Abraham Osorio or Order for six hundred ninety seven Pagodas twenty seven fan^{s}. & fifty six Cash ...	697	27	56
			In full returns for one box of Coral beads mark'd DO N°. 1 imported An°. 1736 ℔ Ship Prince William and Consign'd by Moses Henricus Julian.			
			Two sets dated the 3^{d}. January value of Rich^{d}. Benyon Esq^{r}. and M^{r}. George Torriano.			
61	10	—	Sixty one Pounds ten shillings Sterling payable to Jacob Mendez de Costa or Order for one hundred fifty three Pagodas twenty seven fanams.	153	27	—
			In part returns for two Chests of Coral mark'd MDC N°. 1. 2 imported anno 1730 ℔ ship Bri[d]gewater and Consign'd to George Morton Pitt Esq^{r}.			
234	7	½	Two hundred and thirty four Pounds seven shillings and half penny Sterling payable to Izaac Salvador or order for five hundred eighty five Pagodas thirty one fanams and fifty five Cash	585	31	55
			In part returns for three Chests of rough Coral Mark'd I S N°. 6. 7. 9· imported anno 1730 ℔ Ships Bridgewater and Craggs and Consign'd to George Mor^{n}. Pitt Esq^{r}.			
			Two Sets dated the 10th. of Janua^{y}. 1736/7 Value of Richard Benyon Esq^{r}.			
1011	...	3¼	One Thousand eleven Pounds three pence farthing, Sterling payable to Peter Meyer and Comp or Order for account of John Baptista Meyer for Two Thousand five hundred twenty seven Pagodas Nineteen fanams and twenty one Cash	2527	19	21
			In full returns for a box of Coral beads mark'd ✠ G N°. 2 imported Anno 1736 ℔ Ship Hallifax.			
859	11	1¼	Eight hundred fifty nine Pounds eleven shillings and one penny farthing sterling Payable to Abraham & Jacob Franc[o] or Order for two thousand one hundred forty eight Pagodas thirty two fanams	2148	32	—
			In part returns for one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd ⊕ N°. 26 imported anno 1736 ℔ Hallifax.			
794	19	4¾	Seven hundred ninety four Pounds Nineteen shillings for pence three farthings Sterling payable to D^{to}. Nineteen hundred eighty seven Pagodas fifteen fanams and twenty Cash ...	1987	15	20

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
			In part returns for two Chests of rough Coral and one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd Ⓕ N°. 27, 28, 29 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Prince William.			
1692	3	3	Sixteen hundred Ninety two Pounds three shillings and three pence sterling payable to D°. for four thousand two hundered thirty Pagodas fourteen fanams and fifty two Cash ...	4230	14	52
			In part returns for two Chests of Coral beads markd Ⓕ No. 20. 21 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Haslingfield.			
			Four Sets dated the 10th. of Janry: 1736. 7 Value of Abraham & Henry Solomons.			
289	9	2½	Two hundred eight nine Pounds nine shillings and two pence half penny Sterling payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco for seven hundred twenty three Pagodas twenty three fanams and forty Cash	723	23	40
			In part returns for one Chest of Coral Beads markd Ⓕ N°. 30 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Prince William.			
			One Set dated the 10th. Janu: 1736/7 value of Randall Fowke Abraham and Henry Solomons.			
866	17	1½	Eight hundred sixty six Pounds seventeen shillings and one penny half penny sterling payable to Eleanor Cook & Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order for two thousand one hundred sixty seven Pagodas five fanams	2167	5	—
			In part returns for one Chest of Coral beads mark'd C F. N°. 1 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Shaftesbury.			
			One set dated the 10th. of Janu^{y}. value of Randal Fowke & John Hammond.			
1324	7	7¼	Thirteen hundred twenty four Pounds seven shillings and seven pence farthing sterling payable to William Jenkins & Abraham & Jacob Franco for three thousand three hundred and ten Pagodas, thirty four fanams and twenty one Cash	3310	34	21
			In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd GF N°. 1 imported anno 1736 p^{r}. Ship Haeslingfield.			
124	19	4¾	One hundred twenty four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and four pence three farthings sterl. payable to Joseph and Jacob Franco or Order for three hundred and twelve Pagodas fifteen fanams twenty four Cash	312	15	24
			In part returns for one box of Coral beads markd I F D N°. 9 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Haslingfield.			
			Two sets dated Janur^{y}. 17th. 1736/7 value of Rawson Hart & Abraham and Henry Solomons,			
232	10	2½	Two hundred thirty two Pounds ten shillings and two pence half penny sterling payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order for five hundred eighty one Pagodas nine fana^{s}. seventy five Cash	581	9	75

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
			In part returns for one box of Coral beads, mark'd M N°. 2 imported anno 1736/7 ♆ Ship Haeslingfield.			
255	2	3¾	Two hundred fifty five Pounds, two shillings and three pence three farthings ster : payable to d^to^. for six hundred thirty seven Pagodas twenty eight fanams and thirty five Cash	637	28	35
			In part returns for one box of Coral Beads markd R F N°. 1 imported anno 1736 ♆ Ship Haeslingfield.			
			Two sets dated Janu: 17^th^. 1736/7 value of Rawson Hart and John Hammond.			
536	4	4½	Five hundred thirty six Pounds, four shillings and four pence half penny sterling payable to Moses Espinoza or Order for thirteen hundred and forty Pagodas eighteen fanams and fifty Cash	1340	18	50
			In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads marked E N°. 2 imported anno 1736 ♆ Ship Hallifax.			
944	19	10¼	Nine hundred forty four Pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence farthing sterling payable to Jacob Ebenator Pemental or Order for two thousand three hundred sixty two Pagodas seventeen fanams and twenty four Cash ...	2362	17	24
			In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads marked A N°. 1 imported anno 1736 ♆ Ship Hallifax.			
			Two sets dated Janu : the 21^st^. 1736/7.			
			Value of John Hammond.			
1249	4	—	Twelve hundred forty nine Pounds four shillings sterling payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order for account of Jacob de Moses Franco for three thousand one hundred twenty two Pagodas thirty five fanams and seventy nine Cash.	3122	35	79
			In part returns for one Chest of Coral Beads markd IF N°. 5 imported anno 1736 ♆ Ship Hallifax.			
			One set dated January the 21^st^. 1736/7.			
			Value of John Hammond & Abraham and Henry Solomons.			
1166	1	1	Eleven hundred sixty six Pounds one shilling and one penny sterling payable to Ditto for two thousand nine hundred and fifteen Pagod^s^. four fanams and Seventy one Cash	2915	4	71
			Which with a Bulse of Diamond Bort and Rubies markd ⊕ A I F N°. 4 value five hundred ninety six Pago : thirty four fan^s^ ten Cash, in part returns for a Chest of Coral Beads mark'd ⊕ N°. 31 imported anno 1736 ♆ Shaftesbury.			
			One set dated 21^st^. Janu : 1736/7, value of Abraham & Henry Solomons.			
463	10	5¾	Four hundred sixty three Pounds ten shillings five pence three farthings sterl : payable to Anthona da Costa or Order for eleven hundred fifty eight Pagodas twenty nine fanams and fifteen Cash	1158	29	15

				P.	F.	C.
			In full returns for the remains of one Chest of Coral beads markd M 4 N°. 11 imported anno 1735 ℔ Ship Prince of Orange.			
			One Set dated the 24th. Janu. 1736. 7 value of George Torriano.			
489	15	10½	Four hundred eighty nine Pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence half penny Sterl^{g}. payable to Judas Supino and Son or Order for twelve hundred and twenty four Pagodas seventeen fanams and thirty eight Cash	1224	17	38
			In full returns for one Case of Coral Beads mark'd F ^{S} B N°. 6 imported anno 1736. 7 ℔ Ship Hallifax.			
664	10	6¼	Six hundred sixty four Pounds, ten shill: six pence farthing Sterling payable to Judas Supino and Son or Order for sixteen hundred Sixty two Pagodas eleven fanams and twenty nine Cash.	1662	11	29
			In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd S S N°. 12 imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Prince William.			
59	—	7¾	Fifty nine Pounds seven pence three farthings payable to Jacob Fernandes Nunes or Order for one hundred forty seven Pagodas twenty fanams and seventy Cash	147	20	70
			In part returns for one Case of Coral Beads mark'd N F N°. 1 imported anno 1736. 7 ℔ Ship *Haeslingfield.*			
			Three Sets dated the 24th. Janu: 1736/7 Value of Nicolas Morse.			
19799	18	11¼	Twenty eight sets ... ... Pagodas	49500	31	36

Fort S^{t}. George January 29th. 1736. 7

JOHN SAVAGE
Secret^{y}.

MANIFEST OF DIAMONDS AND OTHER PRECIOUS STONES LICENS'D BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE GRANTHAM CAP^{T}. ROGER HALE BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN RETURN FOR CORAL AND ON OTHER ACCOUNTS VIZ^{T}.

By JOHN SAUNDERS.

I S N°. 1	One Bulse of Rubies and Saphires Consigned to Charles Peers and Edmund Godfrey value two hundred fifty six Pagodas five fanams and forty Cash	256	5 40

By ABRAHAM AND HENRY SOLOMONS.

℔ A I F N°. 4	One Bulse of Diamond bort and Rubies Consign'd to Abraham and Jacob Franco value five hundred ninety six Pagodas thirty four fanams and ten Cash	596	34 10

	Which and a Bill of Exchange dated 21st. January 1736.7 drawn on the Court of Directors for Eleven hundred sixty six Pounds one shilling and a penny Ster. Payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco are in part returns for a Chest of Coral Beads markd ⊕ N°. 31 imported anno 1736 ℔ ship Shaftesbury.			
	By Capt Timothy Tullie.			
W T I N°. 1	One Bulse of Rubies and Saphires Consigned to William and Joseph Tullie value two hundred and six Pagodas twenty Seven fanams ...	206	27	—
	On account of the sd. Timothy Tullie.			
	By Coja Petrus Uscan.			
A Br. Petrus. de Abru N°. 1	One box containing five parcels of Rubies Saphires and other precious Stones consignd to Thomas Hyam of London for account of Abraham Petruso de Abru Merchant in Smyrna value Eleven hundred fifty two Pagodas ...	1152	—	—
	On account of Trade between the said Petrus Uscan and his Correspondent in Smyrna not in return for any Particular Consignment.			
	By Abraham & Henry Salomons.			
I A F N°. 4	One Bulse of Diamonds Consign'd to Izaac & Aarron Franks Value Three thousand two hundred Pagodas	3200	—	—
	Five Parcels amounting to Pagodas	5411	30	50

Fort Sr. George
Janu. 29rs. 1736/7.

Jn°. Savage,
Secretary.

An Account of the produce of such Chests of Coral for which Returns are now made in full ℔ Ship Grantham.

		Remittances £ S D	valuation in the Manifest—Valued	
B S N°: 1. 2.	Two boxes Coral Beads shipp'd by Izaac Salvador imported anno 1735 ℔ Ships Beaufort and Godolphin			
	Remitted.			
	By Bill—January 1735. 6— 1711 12 ½ D°. January 1736. 7— 398 6 11½	2109 19	— 1500	— —
I S N°: 1. 2	Two Chests of rough Coral shipp'd by D°. imported anno 1736 ℔: Prince William			
	Remitted.			
	By Bill— January 1736. 7 ...	444 4 10	265	— —
B S N°: 1 @ 6	Six Chests rough Coral shipp'd by d°: imported anno 1736 ℔ Prince William			
	Remitted.			
	By Bill— Januar: 1736. 7 ...	1153 3 ¼	800	— —
D O N°. 1	One Box Coral Beads shipp'd by Moses Henriques Julian imported anno 1736 ℔ Prince William.			

	Remitted.						
+	By Bill— Januar: 1736. 7— ...	279	2	2	200	—	—
C N°: 2	One box Coral beads shipp'd by John Baptista Meyer imported anno 1736 ℔: Hallifax						
	Remitted.						
	By Bill— Januar: 1736. 7—...	1011	—	3¼	836	10	—
G F N°: 1	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Abraham and Jacob Franco imported anno 1736 ℔: Ship Haeslingfield						
	Remitted.						
	By Bill— Januar: 1736 7—...	1324	7	7¼	900	—	—
E N°: 2	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Abraham and Jacob Franco imported anno 1736—℔: Ship Hallifax						
	Remitted.						
	By Bill— Januar: 1736. 7—...	536	4	1½	340	—	—
A N°: 1	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Abraham and Jacob Franco imported anno 1736 ℔ Ship Hallifax.						
	Remitted.						
	By Bill— Januar: 1736. 7—...	944	10	10¼	700	—	—
M^{a} N°: 11	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Moses Henriques Julian Junior imported Anno 1735 ℔: Ship Prince of Orange.						
	Remitted.						
	By Bill— Sept 1736— 134 19 —						
	d°. Janu: 1736-7-463 10 5¾						
		598	9	5¾	450	—	—
F^{s}. B N°: 6	One Case Coral Beads shipp'd by Juda & Haim Supino imported anno 1736 ℔: Ship Hallifax.						
	Remitted.						
	By Bill— Sept^{r}: 1736 238 9 1½						
	d°: — Janu: 1736. 7-489 15 10½						
		728	5	—	482	—	—
S S N°: 12	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Judah and Haim Supino imported anno 1736 ℔: Ship Prince William—						
	Remitted.						
	By Bill— Jan: 1736. 7— ...	664	10	6¼	370	—	—
		9794	5	10½	6843	10	—

Fort S^{t}. George 29th: Janu: 1736. 7

E. E. ℔ Inv^{o}: SAVAGE, *Secretary.*

A particular of Sundry Goods bought by Capt: Hale att Callcutta

		Rupees	Ans:	Ps:			
	Galbanum	1443	12	—			
	Gum Elemy	1332	9	9			
	Benjamin	1500	—	—			
	Dragon's Blood	600	—	—			
	Spykenard	204	—	—			
	Wormseed	600	—	—			
	Coffee	2800	—	—			
	Canes	2000	—	—			
	Arrack 18 Leag[rs].	200	—	—			
					12300	—	9
At Fort St. George.	Canes— Pagod[s]. ...	1627	—	—			
	Folia Malabar	86	15	40			
	Seagoe	153	—	—			
	Ammoniacum	39	—	—			
	Galbanum	44	—	—			
	1 Bale Betteelas	200	—	—			
	1 d[o]: Ginghams	150	—	—			
		Pagodas ...			2299	15	40

Roger Hale.

List of Demands for the Storehouse for the year 1738.

		for use	for sale	
Iron	Bar Iron	10 Tons	190 Tons	Two hund[d]. Tons—
	Hoop Iron		½ ton	Half a Ton
Nails—				
	Ten penny	1 ℔w[t].	2 ℔w[t].	three ℔ weight
	Twenty penny	1 d[o].	2 d[o].	three ℔ Weight

There are none of these sorts in the Stores though there are large quantities of others.

Anchors Viz[t].—				
	of 12½ ℔ to 10 ℔	6	Six	
	of 10 to 7½	6	Six	
	of 7½ to 5	6	Six	
	of 15 to 12½	12	Twelve	
Iron Guns Viz[t].—				
	of 1 ℔ to 1.	2 20	Twenty	
	Swival Guns & Swivals to	y[m]. 200—	two hundred	
Tar and Pitch—				
	Tar	20 bar	20 barils	Forty barrils
Sail Cloth	British	20 bolts—		Twenty bolts
Sea Coals		10 Chal:	5 Chal:	Fifteen Chaldron
Paper & Parchment Viz[t].—				
	Imperial	—	1 Ream	One Ream
	Royal	8 Ream	2 ream	ten Ream
	Medium	10	5	fifteen
	Demy	10	5	fifteen
	Post	15	5	Twenty
	Fools Cap	20	5	twenty five

		for use	for sale	
Stationary Ware—				
	Quills	10000	5000	fifteen thousand
	Scissars	20	4	Twenty four
	Strops	8	4	Twelve
	Penknives	48	12	Sixty
	Inkpowder	50	25	Seventy five
	Sealing-Wax	12	8	Twenty pounds
	Wafers	2	—	Two boxes
Petty Stationary Ware—				
	Red Tape	4 doz.		four dozen
	Ivory Folders	20		Twenty
	Pounce	4	2	Six pounds
	Thick paper for binding books	2 doz.		Two dozen
Coopers large Tools—				
	Jointers	2		Two
Caulkers Tools—				
	Scrapers—	12	24	Thirty six.
Leather	Pump Leather	—	12 backs	Twelve backs
Hammers	Claw	—	24	twenty four
Mathematical Instruments Viz^{t}—				
	Quadrants fitted	—	6	Six
	Ring Dials large	—	6	Six
	Compasses	—	10	Ten
	Gunters Scales some sliding.	—	12	Twelve
	Plain d^{o}.	—	12	Twelve
Time Glasses—				
	Watch Glasses	—	6	six
	Two hour Glasses	—	12	twelve
	Hour Glasses	—	12	twelve
Lamps	Tin	—	48	forty eight
	Brass	—	12	twelve
Compasses	Sea			
	Azimuth	—	4	Four
Books of Navigation—				
	Mariner's Calendar	—	10	Ten
	D^{o}. Compass rectify'd.	—	10	Ten
	A[t]kinson's Epitome.	—	10	Ten
Lanterns—				
	Globe	—	6	six
	Convexhand lights	—	12	twelve
	Dark lanterns	—	12	twelve
	Spare Lantern Glasses	—	100	One hundred
	Tin Lanterns	—	24	Twenty four
Scales & Weights		—	12	Twelve
Turners Ware—				
	Hand bellows	—	24	Twenty four
	Cloath brushes	—	24	Twenty four
	Brooms round tops	—	24	Twenty four
Grapnols—				
	From ½ ℔ to 2½ ℔	—	40	forty

Gardiners Tools—					
	Waterpots		—	12	Twelve
Drums & Appurtenances—					
	Drums		4	—	Four
	Hoops		12	—	Twelve
	Snares		20 Pr.	—	Twenty pair
Ironmongers Ware—					
	Ironwire sorted		—	5 ℔	five hund.d. wt.
Match	Europe		20 ℔.	10 ℔.	Thirty ℔ weight
Lines Vizt.	Deep Sea-lines		—	36	Thirty six
	Log lines		—	100	One hundred
Twine			5 ℔	5 ℔	Ten hundd. wt.
General stores—					
Chalk			5 Ton	—	five Ton
Armory Stores—					
Flints		—	10000	—	Ten thousand
Brass & Copper Ware					
Hand pumps		—	—	24	Twenty four
Brass wire several sizes			—	200 lb.	Two hundred pound
Tin Ware Tin plates		—	—	1000	One thousand.
Steel		—		20 ℔	twenty hundd wt.
Locks Viz.—					
Brass of different sizes			—	36	Thirty six
Chest locks singe: & doube. Catcs.			—	36	Thirty six
Hinges—					
Dovetail			—	24 pr:	Twenty four pair
Screw Hinges			—	12 pr:	Twelve pair
Mortar—					
one brass of the Dimensions of ye. Iron one sent home by Prince Willm.					
		--	1	—	One
Cordage Vizt :--					
	of 15 ℔ to	14½	—	1	One
	14	13½	—	1	One
	13	12½	—	1	One
	12	11½	—	1	One
	11	10½	2	2	four
	10	9½	2	2	four
	9	8½	—	1	One
	8	—	2	1	three
	7	—	—	1	One
	6	—	2	5	seven
	6 @	6½ shroud haus	2	5	seven
	5	5½	2	5	seven
	4	4½	2	8	Ten
	3½	—	2	8	Ten
	3 Coils	—	5	5	Ten
	2½	—	5	5	Ten
	2	—	5	5	Ten
	1½	—	5	5	Ten
	1	—	5	5	Ten
General Stores—					
Deep blue paper for sugar bakers use		—	—	20 Reams	Twenty reams

LIST OF DEMANDS FOR THE USE OF THE IMPORT WAREHOUSE FOR THE YEAR 1738.

Broad Cloath Fine—		
Scarlet Superfine	Bales 5	
Scarlet	5	
Black	2	
Grass Green	5	
Yellow	5	
White	1	
Blew	1	
	——	24 Bales.
Broad Cloath Aurora	...	30 Bales.
Broad Cloath Ordinary—		
Red	Bales 40	
Blew Mazarin	40	
Yellow	5	
Grass Green	4	
Popinjey	None	
	——	89 Bales.
Perpetuanos fine—		
Scarlet	Bales 10	
Grass Green	10	
Yellow	7	
Blew	1	
	——	28 Bales.
Perpetuanos Ordinary—		
Red	Bales 12	
Grass Green	10	
Yellow	5	
Blew	1	
Salmon in grain	1	
	——	29 Bales
		200 d^ts
Imboss'd Cloth such as sent ℔ Pelham. Piec:	10	
Lead	1,500 Candys	
Read Lead	None	
White d^to.	20 ⅏	
Linseed Oil	400 Gall^s:	
Embossed Cloth more Viz^t		
Yellow Ground red flowers ...	15 p^s.	
White d^to. red d^to. ...	5 d^to.	

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET ℔ GRANTHAM MARKD A.

1. Fort S^t. George General Letter ℔ Grauth: da^d: 29^th. Janu^ry. 1736–7.
2. Duplicate D^to: ℔ Prince Will^m. 1^st. Oct^r: 1736.
3. D^to. D^to. ℔ D^to: 5^th. Octo^br.
4. D^to. Triplicate ℔ Nassau 30 June 1735–36.
5. Copy of a Letter to S^t: Helena ℔ Grantham 29 d^to. 1736–7.
6. Duplicate D^to. ℔ Prince William 1 Oct^r. 1736.
7. Invoice of Goods ℔ Grantham amou^ts to^s. Pag^s. 63190 17 40
8. Duplicate d^to. ℔ Prince William— Pag^s. [1] 34583 13 8
9. Duplicate D^to. ℔ D^to. to S^t. Helena 192 26 6
10. First Bill of Lading for Goods ℔ Grantham.
11. Second d^o. . . . ℔ Prince William.

12. Second d^to^. for the Ulrica's Silver, Lead & Iron ℔ Prince William.
13. Second d^to^. for Pepper.
14. Second d^to^. for old Iron Ordnance and Armory Stores ℔ : D^to^.
15. Calculate of Tonnage ℔ Ship Grantham.
16. List of packing Stuff in Coast Goods ℔ Grantham.
17. Duplicate Indent for Broad-Cloath for 1738.
18. Account Remains in the Import-Warehouse to 30^th^. Nov^r^.
19. List of Demands for the Import Wareho : for 1738.
20. List of demands for the Storeh^o^ : for 1738.
21. Surgeons Indent for Medicines for F^t^. S^t^. George for 1738.
22. Ship Georges Acc^t^. Curr^t^.
23. Account Charges of refitting her at Calcutta.
24. Madrass Galley her Account Curr^t^.
25. Account Charges of refitting her at Vizagapatam.
26. Acco^t^. Curr^t^. of paddy bo^t^. & s^d^ : 1735 and 1736.
27. List of the Pondicherry Contracts.
28. Open Cash Acco^t^ : for January 1736–7.
29. Acc^t^. Curr^t^. Madrass Pagodas.
30. General Abstract & Calculate of Stock on hand.
31. Acc^t^. Sale of Lead 13^th^ : December.
32. List of Revenues.
33. Register of Bills of Exchange ℔ : Grant^m^ : in return for Coral.
34. Duplicate D^to^. ℔ : Prince William.
35. Acc^t^ : of the produce of Coral remitted in full ℔ : Grantham.
36. Duplicate D^to^. ℔ : Prince William.
37. Manifest of Diamonds & other precious stones ℔ : Grantham.
38. Duplicate D^to^. ℔ : Prince William
39. Manifests of Presents &c^ta^. ℔ ; Grantham.
40. Muster Roll of Ship Grantham's Crew.
41. List of the Grantham's Warlike stores.
42. Copy of Capt^n^. Hales dispatch.
43. Capt^n^. Hales Register of private Trade.
44. List of Covenanted Servants on the Coast of Coromandell.
45. List of the Inhabitants, Women & Seafaring-men.
46. Muster Roll of the 1^st^. Company of Soldiers at F^t^ : S^t^. George.
47. D^to^. of the 2^d^. Company.
48. D^to^. of the Gunroom Crew.
49. D^to^. of Peons and Country Musick.
50. Register of Births, Marriages, Christnings & Burials
51. Covenanted Executed Viz^t^.

    N^o^. 1 of William Perceval Free Merchant
    2 of Joseph Goddard
    3 of Nicolas Morse
    4 of George Torriano
    5 of John Saunderson
    } Covenanted Servants

52. Six Surgeons receipts for Headmoney.
53. Capt^n^. Langworth's 2^d^. receipt for his Packet
54. Military Officers report of the state of the Military

55. List of Ships Importing & Exporting Janu: 1736.7
56. Fort S^{t}. George Consultation of 28th. Janu: 1736.7
57. Copy of a Letter from Fort S^{t}. David N^{o}. 13 dated 21 Janu: 1736.7
58. Copy of D^{to}. — N^{o}. 14 dated 25 Janu: 176.7
59. Papers relating to Capt^{n}. Edw^{d}: Orill Deceas'd Viz^{t}.
    Copy of his Will dated the 1st: Sept^{r}. 1733
    Copy of d^{to}. dated— — 30 Janu: 1733.4
    Copy of an Acc^{t}. Curr^{t}. of his Estate dat^{d}. 13th. Sept^{r}. 1735.
    Copy of d^{to}. — dated 13th: Sept^{r}. 1736.
60. Papers relating to the Ulrica Eleonora Viz^{t}
    N^{o}. 1 Acc^{t}. sale of the perishable Goods
    2 Acc^{t}. sale of the Broad Cloth
    2 Acc^{t}. sale of old Fire arms &ct^{o}:
    2 Acc^{t}. Curr^{t}. Expedition to Porto Novo
    3 Disbursements on the Expedition to Porto Novo
61. Assays Viz^{t}.
    of Pagodas — 8
    of Rupees— 3
62. Packet from the President and Council of Bengal.
63. List of books in the Packet B
64. List of the Packet A ℔: Grantham
65. Fort S^{t}. David Papers Viz^{t}. in the Packet apart.

N^{o}. 1 State of Shadashavarow Vencapa Chitty &c^{t}. Merchants Contract dated 7 June 1736.
2 State of Shadashavarou Tondaroy &ct Merchants Contract 7th: June 1736
3. State of Tomby Chitty's Contract dat^{d}: 7th: June 1736
4. Cuddalore Sea-Custom Account Anno 1736.
5. Cuddalore Land-Custom Acc^{t}. Anno 1736.
6 Tevanapatam Sea and Land Customers Account Anno 1736.
7. List of the Honble Company's Revenues.
8. List of Debts standing out on the General Books Letter 1.
9. List of Covenanted Servants.
10. Muster Roll of the two Companys of Soldiers and Gunroom-Crew.
11. Surgeons Indent for Medicines.
12. List of Marriages, Christnings and Burials.
13. Accomptants report of the Expences & Revenues Compared with the preceeding Year.
14. List of the Packet.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PACKET ℔ GRANTHAM MARK'D B.

1. Fort S^{t}. George Diaries & Consultations ... Comm^{g}. 1st. Jan. 1735. End^{g}. Ult^{o}. Dec^{r}. 1736.
2. D^{to}. D^{to}. from 3^{d}. to 26 Jan. 1736–7.
3. D^{to}. Letters rec^{d}. 1736—from N^{o}. 1 to 105.
4. D^{to}. D^{to}. 1737—from N^{o}. 1 to 12.
5. D^{to}. Letters sent 1736—from N^{o}. 1 to 98.
6. D^{to}. D^{to}. 1737. from 3^{d}: 1 to 27 Janu. 1736.7
7. D^{to}. Count^{r}. Lett^{s}: 1736. from N^{o}. 1 to 149

8 Dto: Ship book 1736 ... ... Commg. 1: Janu: 1735 / Ending ulto. Decr: 1736

9 Dto: Cash Accts. 1736 ... ... Commg: pro: Janu: 1735 / Endg. ulto: Decr. 1736

10. Cowles & Commissions 1736 ... ... Commg. 24 May 1736 / Endg. 21 July. 1736

11. Ft. St. David Consultas: 1736 ... ... Commg. Janu: 1735 / Ending Decemr. 1736

12. Fort St: George Journal K K. ... ... Commg, pmo. May 1735 / Endg. Ulto. April 1736

13. Dto: Ledger K K ... ... Commg. / Ending } dto.

14. Dto: Journal Parcels ... ... Commg pro. May / Ending Ulto. Decr. } 1736

15. Dto: Sea-Customers register ... Commg. pro: Janu: 1735 / Ending Ulto. Decr. 1736

16. Dto: Land Customers Dto: ... Commg: Pro: Janua: 1735 / Ending Ulto. Decemr: 1736

17. Dto. and Custors. Abstracts ... Commencing / Ending } dto.

18. Dto. Export Wareho. Journal ... Commg. pro. May 1735. / Endg. Ulto. April 1736.

19. Dto. Expt. Wareho. Ledger ... Commg. / Ending } Dto.

20. Dto. [Pr.] Journal Parcels ... ... Commg. pro. May / Ending ulto. Decber. } 1736.

21. Dto. Import Wareho. Journal ... Commg. pro. May 1735. / Ending Ulto. April 1736.

22. Dto. Import Wareho. Ledger ... Commencing / Ending } Dto.

23. Dto. Journal Parcels ... ... Commg. pro. May / Ending ulto. Decr. } 1736.

24. Dto. Storehouse Journal ... Commg. pro. May 1735. / Ending Ulto. April 1736.

25. Dto. Storehouse Ledger ... Commencing / Ending } Dto.

26. Dto. Storehouse petty Ledger ... Commencing / Ending } Dto.

27. Dto. Storeho. Journal & Diaries for Septembr. Octobr. & Novr. 1736

28. Dto. Storeho. Issues Receipts and Remeains ... ... Commg. pro. Augst. / Ending Ulto. Novr. } 1736.

29. Dto. Mint Accounts Currt. ... Commg. pro. Janu. 1735. / Ending Ulto. Decr. 1736.
Mint Register ... Ending Ulto. Decr. 1736.

30. Dto. Paymasters Accounts ... ... Commg. pmo. Janu. 1735. / Ending Ulto. Decr. 1736.

31. Fort St. David Journal—I ... ... Commg. pro. May 1735. / Ending Ulto. April 1736.

32. Dto. Ledger I ... ... Commg. / Ending. } Dto.

33. Dto. Paymasters Account ... Commg. Jany. 1735. / Ending Decr. 1736.

34. Vizagapatam Journal K ... ... { Commᵍ. prᵒ. May 1735. Ending Ultᵒ. April 1736.

35. Dᵗᵒ. Ledger K ... ... { Commᵍ. prᵒ. May 1735. Ending Ultᵒ. April 1736.

36. Ingeram Journal KK ... ... { Comm. prᵒ. May 1735. Ending Ultᵒ. April 1736.

37. Dᵗᵒ. Ledger KK ... ... { Commencing / Ending } Dᵗᵒ.

38. Dᵗᵒ. Records of the Court of Appeals Anno 1736.

39. Dᵗᵒ. Proceedings at the Quarter Sessions Anᵒ. 1736.

40. Dᵗᵒ. { Records of the Mayors Court / Register of Wills } Anno 1736.

Fort Sᵗ. George 29 January 1736-7.

J. S.
Secʳʸ.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN R. HALF, DATED JANUARY 29, 1737, [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12, pp. 93 & 94.*]

To CAPTAIN ROGER HALE,
COMMANDER OF THE GRANTHAM.

SIR.

Your ships being fully Laden we hereby Order You to repair on board and make the best of your way for the Port of London in Great-Brittain. Herewith are delivered you two Packets, Directed to the Honble Court of Directors for affairs of the Honble the United Company of Merchantˢ of England trading to the East Indies, att their House in Leaden-Hall Street London. At the first Port you arrive at in England you are to send Your Purser overland, with that mark'd A, which he is to deliver as directed, taking Care your Self to write to the said Court of Directors, and give them an Account of any thing remarkable you may meet with in the Voyage; The other mark'd B you are to keep till further Orders from them.

Our Honourable Masters have given Orders to our President and Mʳ. Fowke, to inform you what is necessary for your Conduct in Case you meet with any ship or ships att sea, as well as with Respect to your going in att Sᵗ. Helena. During the uncertain situation of Affairs in Europe as to peace or War, We were directed to give the Captˢ. of the Companys ships a Caution to be upon their Guard, and avoid speaking with any ships at Sea least they prove Enemies and further to Order them into the Cape where if they had Advices of a War, they were to proceed in Company with the Dutch Fleet, the Company have not yet been pleas'd to Contradict those orders and we must Leave You to act in that Respect as you Judge best.

If you touch att the Cape it will be acceptable to the Governʳ. & Council of Sᵗ. Helena that you Carry them a supply of seeds and Plants &cᵗᵃ.

We wish you a good Voyage and date this in Fort Sᵗ. George this 29 day of Januʸ. 1736-7.

R. B. &cᵀˢ.

General Letter to the Company dated February 16, 1737.

[Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12, pp. 94–106.]

To the Honourable the Court of Directors
for affairs of the Honourable
the United Company of Merchants of England
trading to the East Indies.

Honourable.

1. Our last respects was by the Grantham Which ship we dispatch'd the 29th. and she sailed the next morning.

2. The 31st. of January we received a Letter from Mr. Samuel Harrison, at Vizagapatam advising that the Nabob persisted in a demand he had made of a Present from Mr. Sanderson and which had been refused him, as being demanded above a Year before it was usually given. The Nabob or rather his Duan not satisfy'd with the reasons given for deferring it, had putt a stop to all our Business there, and to all Provisions being Carried into the Town, nor would he suffer any of the Inhabitants to go in or out of the Bounds. Having fully Considerd the affair, we agreed that if it be not drawn into precedent, the Dispute was not of that Consequence to run the risque of coming to an open Breach, with the Country Government, and of having a total stop put to the Investment in these parts, and therefor directed Mr. Harrison to make up matters as well as he could.

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No. 9.

3. The first Instat. in the afternoon we receiv'd a Letter from the Chief and Council of Anjengo dated the 11th. January accompanying Your Honours favour to us dated the 2d. July, by the Decker: the Pattamars were stopp'd by Polligar in Chittanopoly, who took from them their Earrings and nine Rupees, & Imprison'd them three Days before he would Lett them come on with their Letters. This detention was the more unlucky, as all the Vessels were sailed out of our Road for Bengall, and the last went the first in the morning. The Madrass Galley, arriv'd from Fort St. David the 4th. in the Evening, with two hundred and eight Bales, we got those out the next day, designing to have sent the Bay Packet by her but the Wind Changing to the Northward broug[t]. in the sloop Grace 7th. from Bengall, The Master having been frequently between that Port & this, and being also a Pilot in the River, We thought it a better Conveyance to send the Packet by him, he sailed the 9th. and we took the opportunity to send by him twelve Chests of Bullion, which the Gentlemen in Bengall wrote us they had a pressing Occasion for they are part of what we reserv'd for the Normanton, but we reckon the Early Ships from England will give us an opportunity to replace them if the Normanton should Come this Way.

4. Having resolv'd to send the Bay Packet by the Sloop the Galley that was ready for sailing, we Order'd back again to Fort St. David. She arrived there the 9th. and return'd hither the 15th. with 69 Bales we shall send her in a few days to Vizagapatam with a supply of money for the Northern Investments, and from thence to Bengall where we have offer'd her to the Gentlemen, for their use in the Ganges, as being unfitt for the West-Coast Service.

5. The George was dispatch'd to the West Coast the 7th. Instt. and Copy of our Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council there is in our Book of Letters sent No. 12.

6. We shall next reply to your favour of the 2d. July, and first we Congratulate your Honours on the Arrival of the Prince of Orange, which we do with the greater pleasure as you are pleas'd to tell us her Cargo was very acceptable, We hope the Prince Williams will not be less so at the next spring-sale, and no Endeavours shall be wanting on our part to send you another ship from hence in Septr. next; but we see already that we are to expect many Difficulties, not only from the price of Cotton, which is risen 50 ℔ o|o, but also from the famine; the Effects of which

are so severely felt, that many Towns and Villages are already Deserted by the Inhabitants, in a word we are told daily so many Accounts of this Calamity there, that it would be tedious and even shocking to recite the Instances we hear of their Misery.

7. We have already said we dispatch'd your Honours Orders to the Bay by a sloop the 9th. Instant, the next morning the Wind came about Southerly, and having continued so ever since we make no Doubt she will soon be at Callcutta, at least before the next Investment is Contracted for, which we are informed is not usually before the 10th. of March.

8. The List of Goods to be added to our Investment, we believe your Honours could not expect so suddenly provided as to send them by this Ship. As we have such early notice to get them ready for the next, we shall hope to give you more satisfaction in those sorts, than we have been able to do yet for want of time; the fine Goods ought always to be set about in the beginning of the Year, and therefor if your Honours do not forbid it, we shall always for the future look upon the last list as a direction for our next Years Contract: And, as many of the Goods will not be provided before the early ships arrive, should you forbid some, or lessen the Quantities of others, a stop may soon be put to providing great part of them. We are very glade Your Honours have Limited the price of the superfine Long-Cloth to 4 Pags. the piece, we might otherwise have bought that of fifteen & sixteen. Whenever you are pleas'd to indent for any new sortments of Goods that we have no samples of in the Warehouse, we should be glade to have a small slip for our Guidance sent in the Packet least we should gain your Displeasure by any Mistake.

9. We are next to take notice of your Honour's sentiments, relating to the Trade between this Coast and China, In answer to which, we beg leave to assure you we have not Laid it aside for these 3 Years past, from any other motives than from the small hopes we had of reaping any advantage from it, whilst silver was so dear here, and all other Goods as well as Gold Continued at such high prices in China. But that Trade has taken a new turn, and the advantages that arise from that Voyage depend more on the outward than homeward bound Cargoe. It was for this reason that our Inhabitants engaged in a subscription for Canton so early as Septr. last, because it was necessary to begin so long before hand, to provide some of the Goods, for her outward-bound Cargoe, & the whole was in such forwardness, that she would have been gone on her Voyage before this time, had not the famine here altered the Owners intentions, and for that reason they sent her to the Bay for another Cargoe of Rice, designing she should have gone on to China, in the month of Aprill; We have not had time to meet the Owners, since the knowledge of your Intentions, to send one of your own ships on this Voyage, but we make no Doubt it will occasion an alteration in theirs.

10. Your Honours have been very truly Informed with Respect to the Charges of our Country Ships, and the Demorrage of one of Yours will not only come out as Cheap, but much less than any ship we can fitt out of the like Burthen. We have therefor had it often in our thoughts to desire your Honours would always give us the Liberty to Employ one of your ships upon that Voyage, when it should afford a prospect of advantage, and also that you would please to permitt us to Concern you therein. But we have forbore it hitherto by reason of the small hopes we had that those Difficulties would be removed, which have hitherto been a Check upon us. We hinted at some of them in our Letter by the Prince of Orange, & we shall now be more particular. We have been inform'd that Capt. Gostlin and Mr. Craddock, the Supracargoes of the Prince Augustus, had in a manner agreed with the Hoppo[A] that, that ship should be look'd upon as a private ship, alledging that she was hired by private Merchants here But that agreement was frustrated by the Supra Cargoes of the Wyndham, and Compton who without any hopes of Carrying their point, insisted that they also should be upon a footing, as coming from the same port. That step subjected the Prince Augustus's Cargoe both outward and homeward-bound to pay 16 ℔ Ct. Customs instead of 6 ℔ Ct. the additional ten ℔ Ct. is not indeed so much upon the full market-price of the Goods, but upon the value only on the

A. A Chinese Superintendent of Customs, p. 426, *Hobson-Jobson*

Emperor's books, which reduces the real Charge to six or seven ℔ C^{t}. and that being paid upon the Imports as well as the Exports, when the Invo^{ce}: outwards Consists wholly of Goods as it cannot well do otherwise when Silver is dear here and Gold dear in China this additional Charge in the Customs amo^{ts}. to twelve or fourteen ℔ C^{t}. upon the Voyage a great reduction of the Profits and we need not make the inference. Another Disadvantage we mention'd before, was the Obligation to Come away from China so early as to be dispatch'd for England in the same season, a necessity which the Chinese know full well how to make their advantage of^{f}. The Prince Augustus's Tutenague cost Ta. m^{ce}. 7 : 5 : 3 : 3. ℔^{r}. Pecull the Macao ships that ta. m^{ce} came afterwards paid but 6. 5. another advantage the Macao ships have, is, that they Ly up in the Harbours at little expence and if goods are too dear in China, they don't come out but if they fall Considerably, (which they Generally do after the early ships are sail'd) their ships are soon fitted out, and as their freights are easy, they come upon the back of us very often, with a fresh Cargoe, bought at very cheap rates. Nevertheless we have our reasons for desiring Your Hon^{rs}: will always Let us have one of your ships here if possible in Aprill, with a liberty to send her to China from hence, if it be consistent with your Interest and the Good of the Place, and also to Concern you such a sum of money as you shall please to Limit. Silver may be Cheap here again, & Gold may be reasonable in China and the Port Charges will fall Light upon a large stock, that are very sensibly felt upon a small one. The French sent a large ship with a large stock there last Year, and as their Comp: are deeply Concern'd in't they may perhaps be able in a few years to drive all private Merchants out of that Trade; and your Honours might find an Advantage by Contending with them, though it might ruin us. The French Comp besides a considerable indulgence in the price of silver, favour'd that Voyage also with two hundred Tons of Pepper which they brought from Mahee which as it sold for 14 Tales P^{r}: Pecul in China has alone made the Voyage. Indeed such a price is not always to be depended on, but however Pepper has been so materiall an Article of late years, that the want of it has been one great Check, upon our Intentions of sending a ship from hence: For Your Hon^{rs}. are very sensible of the Restrictions we lye under upon the Mallabar Coast, and it is very rare we can get any to the southward except at a very extravagant rate; We are led to mention this from the Orders you are pleas'd to give this Year, that the Decker should bring, from the Mallabar Coast a full Lading of Pepper, to be shott loose in the homeward bound ships, from this side of India, and as we Compute 300 Tons, will be as much as the ships of one season can Carry home, if your Honours should resolve to continue the same method every year, We humbly offer it to your Consideration whether the surplus Pepper (being about 100 Tons) may not be engrafted upon the stock of the China ship from hence We should engage to get what other goods might be propper here, according to the Advices we might receive from China by the ships of the former Year. We know we are to expect a Ship from Your Hon^{rs}: this year, and this Letter will, we doubt not, arrive wth: you in time, that we may if your Hon^{rs}. approve our Proposal expect another here in the Year 1738, and therefor if our advices in Jan^{ry}: next give us any hopes of making another Voyage to China, we shall venture upon Providing such Goods as may be proper for our Outward bound-Cargoe only desiring you will please to Dispatch the ship, so early that it may be reasonably expected she will arrive with us in Aprill, and hoping also you will give us a discretional Liberty whether to send her on to China or not, according to the Advices we may receive, assuring your Hon^{rs}. a Sincere and equal regard to your Interest with our own shall be the sole Guide of the Resolutions we may Come to.

Consultn. 1737 1st. Febry. 3^{d}. Dto.

11. Upon the receipt of your Orders of the 2^{d}. July, we gave Notice to M^{r}. Hugh Naish that it was your Hon^{rs}. Pleasure he should return to England, by the 1st. ship & that the Shaftsbury would be dispatch'd in fourteen Days: It was indeed short warning, and therefor upon his request we have permitted him to Continue here till the departure of the next Ship, which however we should not have Consented to, did we think it now in his Power to disturb the Order of your affairs or the Quiet of the Place.

12. We omitted in our last to advise your Hon^{rs}. that the 1st: March last upon a Petition from the Renter of the Windmill, and a report of the Windmill-Master att F^{t}. S^{t}. David, we Ordered it to be pull'd down being Convinc'd it would always Cost more to keep it in repair than the service to be expected from it was worth. Lett^{rs}. rec^{d}. 1736 № 16 Consult^{n}. 1736 1st March

13. In the 37th: Parag^{h}: of our Letter ℔^{r}. Godolph^{n}. we advis'd Your Hon^{rs}. that we were preparing Presents for Sunta Saib, & Chunda Saib but they were set out upon their March to the Southw^{d}: sooner than was expected, and therefor our intended Present remains for some other Occasion. Lett^{rs}. sent 1736 N°. 28.

14. We desire Your Hon^{rs}: will send us the Opinion of the Lawyers whether we may impannel any of the Military upon the petty Jury, if we can not otherwise make up a sufficient number of other Persons being Subjects of Great Brittain. Christopher Bell a soldier, was indicted for Murder, at the Sessions in June last, but having information that he intended to make his Challenges we deferr'd his Tryall, till we Could impannel a fuller Jury, had it not been at the season of the Year when the shipping were in the Road, we could not have made up half so many.

15. Having by the Grantham said so much of our Investment in General, we have only to add, a few remarks upon the Cargoe of this Ship in particular, & first we are very sorry that we should be oblig'd to send Your Hon^{rs}; 600 Bags of Petre to fill up her Tonnage; it is true we have now left, in the Warehouse about sixty Bales of Fort S^{t}: David Goods, that we received yesterday, but we were obliged to send the Petre off first and it is impossible we can Calculate exactly, so long before hand, how many Bales we shall have ready by the time they are wanted, and we believed till within these few days, that we should have been obliged to detain this ship a few days longer for those she has; the apprehension of which induc'd us to take in some Long Cloths both fine and Middling, at lower numbers than we otherwise intended.

16. We desire your Hon^{rs}. will please to favour us with your Observations on the Blue Cloth, we take ours to be the better Cloth, but we think the Dyers have fallen somewhat short of their promise to equal the Fort S^{t}. David Dye.

17. This ship brings the two Bales of Sannoes, which could not be finished in time to be sent by the last ship. We send also now eighty eight pieces more of the fine Pulliacatt Betteellas whi^{h}. is all the Merchants have been able to get out of the Weavers Hands, nor Could they for want of time procure more than one hundred & twenty Pieces of fine Izzarees, these are finer and Cheaper than the last from Ingeram, but perhaps you will not think them thick enough. There are four sorts of Colour'd Ginghams, which are sent as a tryall, that we may know which will be most acceptable att the sale, we can add nothing to what we said in our last, ab^{t}. these and the other fine Goods, except that our Merch^{ts}: pretend the Deficiency, both in Quantity and Quality proceeds from the shortness of time they had to provide them, for as your Hon^{rs}. have for some years left off to Order any Quantitys, most of them are become as it were a new Fabrick to the Weavers, few of them now make anything that is very fine but when bespoke, and then it takes up a great deal of time to procure the propper Thread. We hope the method we have proposed in a former part of this Letter, will in a great measure remove those Difficulties.

18. The Fort S^{t}. David Goods bro^{t}. up from thence by the George, were for the sake of dispatch traversed on board the Grantham, those by the Galley's first trip were landed and received here, and are shipp'd on board the Shaftsbury. Your Hon^{rs}. will not possibly think them so good as our Madrass Cloth, but we ought to acquaint you, that though we endeavour to do Justice between your Hon^{rs}. and the Merchants here (and we think we have done so) yet our Merchants Complain much that our sorting is too strict and severe, Your Hon^{rs}. at home are to decide this dispute between our sorters and the Merchants, but if you determine in fav^{r}. of the Latter then the Fort S^{t}. David Cloth is not so faulty as it appears upon Comparison with ours only.

19. Yesterday arriv'd here the Brigantine William from Bengall and bro^{t}. us thirteen Hundred thirty three Bags of Petre, on your Hon^{rs}. Acco^{t}.

20. This ship has had the usuall surveys and inclos'd in the Packet comes a Muster Roll of her Men & a List of her Warlike Stores.

21. We have taken the Liberty to draw the following Bills of Exchange upon your Hon^{rs}. att the usuall time and rate.

1	Set in four Bills to Will^{m}. Pomeroy or Order value of Rich^{d}. Benyon Esq^{r}. by Order of John Stackhouse Esq^{r}. of Bengall.	1500	—	—	3570	—	—
1	Set in three Bills to James Fordham or Order value of Ralph Mansell ...	100	—	—	250	—	—
1	To Daniel Morse or Order value of John Sanderson	50	—	—	125	—	—
1	To Charles and Edmund Boehm or Order Value of Catherine Consett ...	40	—	—	100	—	—
4	Sets amounting to ...	£ 1690	—	—	4225	—	—

22. Capt^{n}. Bookey has paid into our Cash here seven hundred 700 Pagodas for which we have given him 3 Certificates dated 14th. Inst^{t}.

23. The amount of the Invcice of Goods by this ship is fifty eight thousand nine hundred ninety one Pagodas, one fanam and twenty two Ca: that of the Register of Precious Stones licensed by her one thousand seven hundred ninety-eight Pag^{s}. twenty nine fan^{s}. & forty Cash. The Capt^{n}. has Registered Bengall Goods to the amount of fifteen Thousand seven hundred twenty nine Rup^{s}. Six anas and three Pice, and Goods put on board her to the amount of nine hundred seventy five Pagod^{s}. twelve fan^{s}.

24. We wish this ship a safe and speedy arrival with your Hon^{r}.

and are

Fort S^{t}. George
Ffebruy 16th. 1736-7.

Your faithfull humble Serv^{ts}.
Rich^{d}. Benyon & &c^{t}.

Manifest of Precious stones licensed by the President and Council of Fort S^{t}. George to be shipp'd on board the Shaftsbury, Capt^{n}. Maithew Bookey by the following Persons in return for Coral & on other Accounts.

By Levi Moses.

M I & H	One Bulse of Rubies and Saphires Consign'd to Joseph and Henry Moses Value one hundred Pagodas	100	—	—
	One Acc^{t}. of said Levi Moses.			

By Coja Throas de Aviet.

S D N°. 1	One Bulse of Diamonds & Rubies Consign'd to Abraham and Jacob Franco for Acco^{t}. of David Sherruman of Leghorn value five hun^{d}. eighty two Pag^{s}. ... ... or £ 123. 1.	582	—	—

	In part for 1 Chest of Coral Beads marked S D N°. 1 imported Anno 1736 ℔r. Ship Hallifax.			
G S N°. 1 S	One Bulse of Rubies Consigned to Abraham and Jacob Franco for Acct. of Stephano Juan Sherriman of Venice value one hundred sixty four Pags. twenty nine fs. & forty Cash	164	29	40
	In part returns for 2 Boxes of Bugles marked G. S. N°. 1. 2 impor . anno 1736 S ℔r. Hallifax.			
	By Abraham Salomons.			
⟨T⟩ A I F N°. 3	One Bulse of Diamonds Consign'd to Abram & Jacob Franco value nine hundred fifty two Pagodas	952	—	—
	In further part returns for one Chest Coral Beads marked ⟨T⟩ N°. 3 Importd. Anno 1736 ℔r. Shaftsbury.			
		1798	29	40

Fort St. George
16th. Janury. 1736–7.

Jn°. Savage,
Secretary.

This is to Certify To the Honble. the Court of Directors for affairs of the Honble. the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies. That we the President and Council of Fort St. George, have receiv'd into the said Company's Cash, here of Captn. Matthew Bookey Commander of ship Shaftsbury, the Sum of seven Hundred Pagodas. Witness our Hands to three Certificates all of this Tenour & dated in Fort St. George this 14th. Day of February 1736/7.

R: B: &cta.
*Coun*l.

Madrass 15 Febry. 1736–7

Manifest of Sundry Goods Laden on board the Ship Shafisbury at Bengall and this Port for England by Mr. Matthew Bookey on my own Account.

	Md.	Seer.	Currt. Ru.	An.	Pice.
Bengall Sago 10 Casks quanty. ...	56	20	344	9	—
Worm seed 76 Bags qt.	138	10	2589	5	8
Terra Japon 22 Dto.	40	—	245	9	6
Shell Lac. 3 Chests.	41	19	509	3	—
Spikenard 5 Bags	7	35	220	2	—
Canes 23500	.....		4653	8	4
Seer Suckers	120 Pcs.		695	8	—
Soosies 4 Dto.	400 Dto.		2422	—	—
Blue Gurras 1 Dto.	108 Dto.		216	1	6
Soet Romauls 8 Dto.	800 Single Dto.		1563	2	—
Arrack 20 Leagers			2000	—	—
White Gurras 1 Bale	100 Ps.		270	8	—
Currt. Rups. ...			15729	6	3

Madrass Canes 10000	...	...	...	Pag^{s}. 618 — —
Cubebs 1 Bale quant^{y}. 254 ℔ —	...	..	...	23 — —
Ammoniac 4 Chests 2 Candy 3 M^{ds}.		...	...	271 27 —
Gallingall 24 Bags 6 D^{to}.	...	...	...	62 21 —
				Pagod^{s}. 975 12 —

M^{r}. Bookey.

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22. D^{to}. Acc^{t}. Charges of refitting her att Vizagapatam.
23. D^{to}. Acc^{t}. Curr^{t}. of Paddy bought & sold 1735 & 1736.
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35. D^{to}. of the Gunroom Crew.
36. D^{to}. of Peons and Country Musick.
37. Register of Births, Christnings, Marriages & Burials at Fort S^{t}. George.
38. List of Christnings ... } at Fort S^{t}. David.
39. List of Marriages ... }
40. List of Burials ... }
41. Duplicate Military Officers report of the state of the Military.
42. D^{to}. of Papers relating to the Ulrica Eleonora.

N°: 1 Acc^{t}. sale of the Perishable Goods.

N°: 2 { Acc^{t}. sale of the Broad Cloth.
{ Acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: Expedition to Porto Novo.

3 Acco^{t}: Disbursements on Expedition to Porto Novo.

43. Muster Roll of the Shaftsbury's Crew.
44. List of the Shaftsbury's Warlike Stores
45. Copy of Captn: Bookey's Dispatch.
46. Captn. Bookey's Register of private Trade.
47. Captn: Hales 2d: receipt for his Packet.
48. Manifest of Presents licens'd pr: Shaftsbury.
49. General abstract and Callculate of stock on hand.
50. Open Cash Account for Shaftsbury.
51. Open Acct: Currt: of Madrass Pagodas, for February.
52. Packet from Bengall received 6th. Septr: 1736 Pr. Hallifax.
53. Dto. receiv'd 7th: Febr: 1736.7 Pr. Sloop Grace.
54. List of the Packet Pr: Shaftsbury.

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List of Books in the Packet ℔r. Shaftsbury mark'd A.

Fort Sr: George.

N°: 1.	Diaries & Consultations ...	Commencing 30 Septr. / Ending 31 Decr. } 1736
2.	Diaries & Consultations ...	Commg: 3 January / Ending 16 February } 1736. 7
3.	Letters receiv'd 1736 / 1737	From N°: 91 to 105. / From N°: 1 to 93.
4.	Letters sent 1736 / 1737	From 14 Octor: to 6 Decr. / From 3 Janry. to 12 Febry.
5.	Cash Accounts	Commg. 1 Octor. 1736. / Ending 31 Jan: 1736. 7
6.	Mint Accounts Currt. ...	Commg: 1 Septr: 1736. / Ending 31 Jany: 1736. 7.
7.	Sea Customers Accts. Currant.	Commg: 1 Septr: 1736. / Ending 31 Jany: 1736. 7.
8.	Storekeeper's. Issues / Receipts / Remains	Commg: 1 Augt: 1736. / Ending 30 Novr: 1736.
9.	St. Mary's Church Ledger ...	Commg. 1 Octobr: 1735. / Ending 30 Septr: 1736.
10.	Ships Imporg: & Exportg. ...	10 October 1736. / 15 Febru. 1736. 7.

Fort St. George 16 Februy: 1736. 7.

Jn°: Savage
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 5, 1737. RECEIVED PER NOTTINGHAM, 26TH. MAY 1738. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 4, pp. 213—224. (India office transcript)*].

1. Letters last Season were dated 1st and 5th. Octor. 29th. January and 16th. February.

2. Companys Letters received this year dated 3d. Novr. 22th. Decr. and 9th. February with 3 Letters from the Secretary Mole dated 23th. Decr. 10th. and 25th. February to which shall now Reply.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

	Arrived.	Sailed.
3. Ship Bedford ...	25th April	26th May.
Newcastle	13th. May	21 Do.
Royal Guardian ...	21 May for Canton...	20 June.
Devonshire	23 June	2d July.
Nottingham ...	23 June Loading for England.	
Lyell	23 June	2 July.
Prs. Louisa	23 June	2 July.
Duke Dorset ...	26 July	2 Septr.

4. Are thankful for the Compas. regard to their Interest in Expedition to Mocha—Refer to Mr. Waters Letter 20th. July for his proceedings. Wilmington and Montague fell to Leeward of Aden and despairing of getting to Mocha bore away 17th. June for Bombay. Mr Waters borrowed 40000 Dollars to provide Coffee to be repaid at Madrass wch. is compli'd with.

5. Thankful for the Companys care of Navigation on Mallabar Coast.

6. Shall regard directions if the Wilmington or Grafton come there.

7. Ship Decker arriv'd at Madrass 12th. May from Bombay, was dispatched to the Bay with Redwood and 28 Chests rupees calling first at Vizagapatam, the Duke Dorset sprung an ugly Leake off the Cape and came the Inner Passage between Madagascar and the Main, Sussex and Harrison arriv'd at Batavia 26 May and Winchester the 7th. July.

8. Captains of Newcastle, Lyell, Devonshire and Louisa hastned to the Bay.

9. Louisa called in at the Cape on coming out met the Richmond wch. had lost Main Mast and Fore Mast having parted wth. Walpole and Pce. Wales.

10. Madrass Galley Sail'd 19 February for Vizagapatam and Bengal being unfit for the West Coast was offer'd to Calcutta for the Comps. Use or to be Sold—Bought in at Outcry for 2300 Curt. Rups. only.

11. Sloop Margery arriv'd 4th. April wth. Salt Petre from Bengal, dispatch'd back 16th. calling at Vizagapatam to Land Pagodoes and Rupees.

12. Sent per Ship Mercury 16th. April 23 Chests Silver to Bengal.

13. Ship George arrived 23 July from West Coast advis. Comptons Loss.

14. The George sent to Vizagaps. to be new Sheathed and bring up Bales.

15. No time was Lost in Shifting the Royal Guardian, impossible to get her away before 20th. June, runs risque of a long Passage to China positively order'd to leave Canton 15th. Novr. refer to Consultations of 24th. and 26th May for proceedings as to that Voyage. Had a Stock been sent on the Companys account the Freight and Port Charges had been Lighter upon the small Stock sent on her, little else but Silver could be sent and that to be returned in Gold, and the Tea taking up so much Tonnage it was not for the Companys Interest. As to making one Stock for the Company and them to be Concerned jointly, advis'd per Shaftsbury that before the Deckers Letter was received they had open'd a Subscription for a China Voyage on a Countrey Ship and most of the Cargo was provided, the subscription was Pagodas 36000 only, so few proper Goods were brought in to Town part of that Sum was made good in Silver so that an Addition on the Companys Account must have lessend the profits, augmented the difficulty in getting the returns back and

occasioned a new valuation of the Goods provided whereby they might be expos'd to Censure. Tin at 45 pag^{s} : per Candy and Pepper at 32 per Candy, the Macao Ships buying at these Prices. Intend to buy Goods proper for an Outward bound Cargo next year, they trust the Company will permit them to be concerned in the Voyage. Duty of 10 per Cent being taken off that great Objection to carry on the Trade on a Companys Ship ceases.

16. Shall Obey Orders if Ship Harrison comes that way.

17. All the other Ships being orderd to the Bay could only fix on the Nottingham to dispatch at this Time, was surveyd & Captain cautiond of Fire.

18. Signals given the Commander, Surveys of Men and Stores in the Packet with Account of Goods landed.

19. Shall prevent the Captains Effects being Embezled if any Dye.

20. S^{t}. Helena shall be Supplied with the Longcloth ordered.

21. Cap^{t}. Winter petitioned for 50 Ton Petre and as much Pepper as he cou'd shoot among his Bales, on entering into the usual Engagement 400 Bags Petre allow'd him with a Liberty of declaring thereafter whether the Petre and Pepper shoud be part of the Tonnage, apprehend the Tonnage must be compleated wth. Pepper, shall Sell Pepper if have a Surplus.

22. Package of some Bales altered, Salt Petre is in the usual Bags.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

23. Sent 12 Chests Treasure to Bengal per sloop Grace, Coind 5 Chests for Vizagapatam, Sent 2 Chests to Pegue to build the Sloops for Bengal. Sent 21 Chests per Mercury to Bengal in April, the above were the 40 ch^{ts}. reservd for the Normanton, Sent also to Bengal 2 Chests more per Mercury received from Manilla, two of the Chests sent to Vizag^{a}. were Coind into Arcot Rupees w^{ch}. produced more than at Madrass as per Consultation 15th March.

24. Of the Treasure consigned this year, Sent 25 Chests uncoind to Bengal per Bedford, 2 Chests sold to freighters of the Royal Guardian, $\frac{1}{2}$ Chest to Cap^{t}. Hoadley, 30 Chests received per Duke Dorset are kept for the Harrison, Mocha Draught replaced by Silver bought at Pondicherry, All the rest was Coind wth. 6 Ch^{ts}. receiv'd from the West Coast per George and design to coin 6 more received thence per Jane.

25. Of the Rupees 40000 sent to Vizagapatam 280000 to Bengal per Bedford in May, 224000 per Decker in June and 56000 more to Vizag^{a}. 400000 to Bengal per Duke Dorset so that 56000 Rup^{s}. 7 an^{s}. remain in Warehouse and 24630 : 15. in the Mint which will be Cleard out of the Dust in December.

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26. Mint Braminys refused to take Pillar Dollars as Standard. On an Essay M^{r}. Foxal reported them full 3 dwt. worse, Braminys took them at 2$\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. worse a good bargain as the Comp^{a}. inform are 4$\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. W^{o}.

27. Short Weight of Nottingham Treasure is in Consultation 27th. June, Minters content to take it this once as Inv^{o}. but declare they cannot accept any more so.

28. Contracts with Merchants for Woollen Goods are for the Prices only, delivery of Goods always delayd till they bring Money to pay for 'em which is according to the demand, this is an Advantage to 'em in appearance were it not for the slow Vend, the price they allow is more than it would fetch for a constancy any other way, Interest being 8 per Cent they can afford to give more than those who buy at Outcry for ready money, and by having Gomastahs dispersed thro' the Countrey are Judges of the Quantityes and sorts in demand, w^{ch}. Intelligence is now their Interest to Communicate, no Advantage should be taken of them while they provide Callicoes being great Sufferers by the Callico Contracts it being a right Policy to indulge 'em in what is so much for the Companys Interest, their Quarrels and divisions this year have been such they got nothing by what sold, and great part remains unsold so have not agreed with 'em for the Parcel arrived this year but got 'em to agree on a List for the year 1739.

29. Merchants were desirous the Reds and Greens sent by mistake to the Bay might remain there, wrote accordingly.

30. Cloth of two Colours sold to Hodjee Addy at 4 pag°. per yard.

31. Brocades sold him for 900 Pag°. w^ch^. is about 36 per Cent on Inv°. at 9^s^. Per Pag°. were lucky in getting rid of 'em so well being Tarnishd, Soild and Inkd, shall not Indent for more till hear how they are liked at Arcot.

32. All the Copper q̃sd 'em is Sent to the Bay as the best Market.

33. Received per Bedford 80 Faggots Steel cwt. 86 instead of cwt. 50, the overplus delivered to the Cap^t^. he demanding it as his own.

34. Bedford delivered the full number of Slabs and Pigs of Lead deficiency in the cwt. 3–3 only is wrote off to Account Current London

35. Receivd per Duke Dorset 60 Pipes Wine 4 were lost by Leakage, the 56 produced at Outcry 3156 pag°. w^ch^. is 52 : 21 : 48. (pag. fa. ca.) per Pipe, desire the like quantity annually, the Cap^t^. landed 20 Pipes.

36. Surgeons Indent not being complied with took out part of the Medicines put up for Fort St. David.

37. Sold 350 Candy Lead at 11 : 21 : 60. (Pag. fa. ca.) per Candy and 600 (Candy) at 12 : 13 : 13. (Pag. fa. ca.) about 600 Candy left is reservd for Sale in January, if the Price keeps up shall then Indent for 2000 Candy. Shall settle Indents as prescribd and sell all decayd Stores, reasons for small Sale of the Stores with Proposals to encrease them are entred on Consultation 13th 21th and 28th April.

38. 35000 Pagodoes constantly in Tomby Chittys hands advanced on the Callico Contract and he is debted a large Sum for Cloth brought in Brown not Credited for till Washd and sorted.

39. If China Supra Cargoes send Silver, Directions shall be observd.

40. Shall write to the West Coast to send 'em all Stores not to be disposed of there and will Supply 'em with the needful.

41. Shall to the Utmost Encourage the Consumption of Europe Goods especially the Manufactures of England, desire 200 Ton Iron.

42. The Jar of Sweet Oyl was received from the Godolphin, and the Case of Ironmongers Ware per Nassau was received from the West Coast Six Months after she Saild being Landed there by Mistake.

Thirdly of Investments.

43. Are thankful that Conduct is approved, the Countrey is reduced to a miserable Condition by the prodigious Drought Impossible to enumerate all its melancholy Effects, the Goods Sent have been provided with the greatest Pains and Attention.

44. Had a larger Supply of Rice than expected soon after the Granthams departure, care was required to keep it within their bounds, the Price all this year from 90 to 100 Pagodoes the Garce, and at much more in the Countrey, but very rarely met with at any rate so that there was a strong temptation to run it out of the Bounds, however, the Buzars were pretty well supplyed till the last 10 days in August when many People were found dead in the Streets principally of those who Crouded in from the Countrey, the first Bengal Ship arrived the 1st September.

45. By Acco^ts^. from Arcot 2 to 300 Dead Bodies were carried out in a Day, the same Dreadful Scene was in other Towns, many Villages were deserted, no Grain for Inhabitants, no herbage or Fodder for Cattle, of these last 19 in 20 Perished. If God sends a favourable Monsoon it is inferd there are not Men or Oxen left to Till the Ground, the Famine so terrible Men Fed upon those things Nature most abhors.

46. The Drought has had the like Effect upon Cotton which has risen from 18 and 20 to 30 and 32 Pagodoes per Candy.

47. Oxen not procurable at St. Davids to carry the Cloth so that Men have been sent to fetch it w^ch^. Impeded Inv^t^. there and at Madrass.

48. Notwithstanding all these Difficultys the particular Investm^{t}. of Madrass will not be less than last year and that was considerably more than in any year since 1729. In Consultation 28th February are the Merchants Proposals and the Resolutions thereupon, that no Time might be lost, the Prices were fixed 26th May Advanced 3¼ Pag^{o}. per Corge on Salem Cloth and abated 1 Pag^{o}. per Corge as Numbers fall are persuaded the Merchants are no Gainers. Wish the Musters of the Cloth carried home by the French coud be procured and the Prices from other hands than theirs for the Companys Satisfaction, Such Acco^{t}. as they coud get is in the Packet, cannot find out the Policy of making such large Contracts as the French do, the Cloth not being procurable the French give 49 and Madrass but 48½ per Corge for Salem Cloth, Custom and Dustore reduces it to 47½.

49. In Justice cannot complain of the Merchants Performances this Year having brought in more Cloth than they Promised.

50. Cannot engage Andiapa to provide Cloth alleging he lost by bad debts.

51. Not yet admitted of a No. 4 Salem Cloth what would not Sort to No. 3 sorted to Ordinary No. 1 the Ordinary was Pag. 39 : fa. 18 : per Corge at Madrass and No. 4 Salem St. David Pag. 41 : fa. 18 : in 1735 and is still the Case & little or no Ordinary.

52. Shall send no more Cotton Romals such as marked N per Godolphin.

53. Have wrote for more Sannoes to Cure shall do their best as to Bettelleas.

54. Money was advanced early for Morees but none bro^{t}. in in time for the Painters to Compleat 'em, the Patterns are Improvd, desire some Annually from England, Instances of Natives Invention rare.

55. Managers of the New Petta undertook the Longcloth Fine at 4 Pag^{o}. and the Dimities are providing at Madrass.

56. Shall in January give convincing Proof that a general freedom of Trade is allowd to all the inhabitants and all fitting Encouragem^{t}. given to Induce the Resort of Merchants to 'em, all Investments are made up in the Countrey and the Merchants Factors are sent to provide Cloth there, if they waited for Cloth till bro^{t}. into their Bounds for a Market shoud not send a Bale home in a year.

57. Have advanced 1000 Pagodoes more to the Managers of the New Petta per Consultation 12th Sept^{r}. in a few years it will Answer.

58. Investment at St. Davids has gone on but poorly this year, all their old Merchants except Shacup Tomby refused to Contract. On Proposals in April from him and Nella Tomby closed with them tho the Cloth is to be taken one with another and yet they complain of difficulties.

59. Prices are advanced at Vizagapatam and Ingeram by Dearness of Grain and Cotton, the Merchants at Vizagapatam promised 600 Bales by Christmass are jealous they will deceive—290 Bales are arrivd thence not cured and some of Mr. Grahams Cloth is come up in the same condition, he could not procure Rice to Conjee it, Mr. Goddard makes the same Complaint from Maddapollam.

60. Agreed 21th March to provide a small quantity of Chay Goods i.e. Allyjars, Collowapores, Sacerguntees and Romals.

Fourthly of the Trade of India.

61. The only Ship sent last year on what might be called a Voyage was to Manilla.

62. Exports this year are a Stock on Royal Guardian to China, a ship to Bussora, a small one to Manilla, another to Mallabar Coast and Goa, and one bound to Scindy and Surrat, All the rest kept in the Rice Trade, Supra Cargoes of the Bussora ship gave bond not to sell her.

63. Nabobs Son left the Army in March and went to Arcot, Imaum Sahib then made a visit to the President which put the Comp^{a}. to the usual Expence, Sent the Nabobs Son Subderally Caun a small Present the amo^{t}. 304 Pagodoes, shall avoid Expences of this Sort, they are necessary to keep up a Figure with them and to carry on Affairs quietly.

64. Sollicitations dropt for the Cowle to bring Cotton and Cotton Yarn out of the Countrey free of Juncan, For 200 Pag°. the New Petta Undertakers got Liberty to bring in Cotton Yarn for a very small duty, who desire to be reimbursd by the Comp^{a}.

65. If Bengal Ships bound to the Coast had Imported at Madrass only as the Comp^{a}. orderd had been out of pain for Rice till December, several Stopt at Pullicat others passd thrô the Road to Covelong, Complaind of it to Bengal, there was no way to be secure but by buying up such other Quantitys as came to the Port, To do it on their own Account might give the Wicked an opportunity to call 'em Knaves in Grain, So a Moors ship arriving bought on the Companys Account 5000 Bags Rice at 95 Pagodoes the Garce, think there will be no loss by it but believe the Company had rather Submit to that than Loose the Inhabitants.

66. Nabobs Army defeated the People of Maddara, Subdued Trinavelly and Cotata, then entêrd the Territorys of the Mallabar Princes who submitted to pay a Tribute, the Major part of the Forces were then drawn off within 3 days Journey of Anjengo it is thought to go further Northward to Visit the King of Biddanore or Carnatick Raja which has hastned this last concluding a Treaty with Tellicherry to be more at Leizure to defend his Country from the Moors Invasion.

FIFTHLY, OF FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

67. The Countrey People through scarcity of Grain brought Chinam in Stone to repair the Storehouse and Weighing Place on being allowed to carry out some Rice. Sea Gate and Passages adjacent were found bad, obliged to repair 'em, Estimates of the Charge are in Consultation 28th February and 28th April.

Lodgings for the Comp^{s}. Servants have been New Painted and the Beating Place at the Old Powder Godown repaird.

68. Powder Magazine and a Bridge repaird at St. David and a Brick Building for the Guard at Seaside made at Vizagapatam wth. a new Powder House and Brick Choultrys at the Washing Places. A Choultry for the Washers is desired at Maddapollam.

69. The Company have sometimes sufferd by Black Bricklayers and Carpenters unskilfulness so Stephen de Stutter an Italian is entertained Surveyor of Buildings at 10 Pagodoes a Month.

70. Hope the Conicoplys Duty will defray the Charge of Bridges & Wells.

71. Sale of Farms at Outery will not Answer the Beetle and Tobacco Farm expiring in 1730 wou'd not let for the former Rent of 10000 Pagodoes without considerable Concessions particularly Trivlicane and Trivitore and the Out Villages being subject to it, the Inhabitants thereupon left them, but on Exempting them from that Duty they are returnd and many more Built Houses there. The Farm is let at the same Rent as before.

72. Salt Farmers Cowle let at the old rate by the Sale encreasing.

73. Shall reply about the Register of Houses in January.

74. One per Cent Custom and ½ per Cent Consulage on Coral repaid as orderd, and proposed to Bengal a Method to keep Acco^{ts}. Clear as directed.

75. Advisd from Bengal that the Company in a Letter dated 15th February 1715 directed the Duty of a Seer and half per Maund on Grain exported thence for Madrass to be deducted out of the 5 per cent payable there. Are not able to find anything upon Records, Plenty succeeding and no Rice Imported for some years it was forgot. Certificates are granted to the Bengal ships that the full Duty is paid, and what Madrass ships pay in Bengal is deducted out of the Customs paid at Madrass.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS &C^{A}.

76. Writers are all arrived sober and willing are put to write things not in hast to improve their hands which are so indifferent are obliged to Hire Two Monthly Writers really wanted.

77. Mr. William Fytche is gone to Bengal as directed.

78. Mr. Leigh Denny at his request is stationd at Vizagapatam.

79. Mr. Edward Michell and Robert Caesar sent to St. David and Mr. Charles Floyer ordered of Council there.

80. Mr. Joseph Goddard appointed Resident at Maddepollam.

81. Mr. Ralphe Mansell Senior Merchant Dyed 27th May last, Mr. Matthew Empson is appointed Assistant to Land Customer and Register of the Choultry, Mr. Holland Goddard is under the Paymaster.

82. Mr. William Martin permitted to go to China, Mr. Augustus Burton and Mr. Samuel Harrison to Bengal for recovery of their Health, all Expected back in January.

83. Mr. Mackneight who came out a free Merchant is appointed Surgeons Mate at St. David one Cooper dying.

84. Cap^{t}. David Wilson is appointed by Commission Major.

85. Lieut^{t}. Cuney dying on the West Coast Lieut^{t}. Amyand appointed to that Station and Ensign Horne appointed Lieutenant.

86. Francis Cook had leave to go to Pondicherry, he sent his Commission to the President, had run much in Debt, all the Ensigns Case hard, pay is so small not sufficient to provide Food, they eat dry Bread and plantanes.

87. On Ensign Peeles Death gave a Commission to Serjeant Senior and to Serjeant Karr.

88. Samuel Lutton is Captain of the Bussora ship will be Encouraged.

89. Blank Covenants received shall be filld up and Executed by those who are of Age.

90. Mr. Thomas Barker Writer came no further than the Downs.

91. Dominick Marchini on applying shall take passage for Europe.

92. Certificates in writing are always granted to discharged Soldiers can recommend very few.

93. Mr. Hugh Naish takes passage on the Nottingham. Mayors Court Conduct is agreeable—Difficulties are met with in deciding Controversies between the Natives.

94. Few Governments are free from Men of restless and Impetuous Dispositions, shall prevent any such doing Mischief.

Seventhly of Accounts.

95. Mr. Goldfinchs Credit of Pag^{o}. 317 : 9 : 34 shall be carried to Acco^{t}. Current London in the Books now Ballancing. As to James Barfoots its still kept on the Books several Demands on his Estate more than his Credit will satisfy. Wm. Dunsters Credit is wrote off as shall all deceasd Persons there are no legal claims on in India.

96. Letter to Bengal will shew what Pepper was landed from the Decker.

97. Cap^{t}. Williamson delivered a Letter 24th May as to Mr. John Turtons Estate refer to Consultation for a State of that matter.

98. Madrass Pagodoes received for Bills appear by Cash Acco^{ts}., they not being sufficient for occasions were obliged to purchase more, agreed for 10000 Madrass Pagodoes on an advance of 10600 Current Pagodoes the 7th March, bought 13th May 7000 at 5¼ per Cent and 26th May 3000 at 5 per Cent, the 26th June 4516 at 6½ per cent, this rise and fall of the Batta proceeds from a greater or less quantity of uncoind Gold brought to Market. On Ships Arrival from Manilha, Malacca, Acheen and Eastern Ports generally from February to the end of May Gold may be bought, but in September and December when Madras Pagodoes are wanted for Bills of Exchange, uncoind Gold is not to be met with then the Batta rises to 8 per Cent which causes a Complaint from the Remitters—Could not avoid introducing that Specie without Injury to the Company to whom it is left what relief to grant. They are not Introduced further into Payments or Receipts because Goods would sell for less in Proportion to the Batta which wou'd rise on a large Sale of Goods

or Silver, and if not wanted to the Northward must be sold for 4 per Cent Loss, perhaps the badness of Current money makes the Investment dearer to the Southward, Yet its no real Loss to the Company while Goods are sold for this Adulterated Coin, they selling for more than if the Coin was better, but the Investment paid for by Bills is a Loss—Cannot attempt to regulate the Current money its a delicate Affair, fear a Stab in Commerce which might not easily be recovered.

99. Account of Madrass Pagodoes Cleared 17th June a Gain arose to the Company of Pag. 492 : fa. 3 : ca. 53.

100. Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange at the usual Rate :

£	247 „ 1 „ 7½	Payable to Eleanor Cooke & Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	598 „ 9 „ —	to Judah Supino & Son.
„	374 „ 13 „ ½	to Ditto.
„	1156 „ 4 „ 4	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	415 „ 17 „ 8½	to Ditto.
„	160 „ 9 „ 8¼	to David Gomez Serra.
„	663 „ 4 „ 4¼	to Joseph & David Franco.
„	494 „ 19 „ 8¼	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	266 „ 4 „ 6	to Judah Supino & Son.
„	262 „ 17 „ 4	to Ditto.
„	172 „ 14 „ 1	to Ditto.
„	258 „ 15 „ 9¾	to Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
„	200 „ — „ —	to Thomas Hall.
„	100 „ — „ —	to Martha Goulding.
„	200 „ — „ —	to Ann Caverley.
„	500 „ — „ —	to Charless Simpson.
„	71 „ 18 „ 9¼	to Judah Supino & Son.
„	557 „ 18 „ 10½	to Francis Salvador.
„	55 „ 2 „ —½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	492 „ 16 „ 4¾	to Ditto.
„	49 „ 15 „ 10¾	to Anthony Da Costa.
„	70 „ 13 „ 6½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	16 „ 19 „ 8¼	to Judah Supino & Son.
„	746 „ 13 „ 4	to Osmond Beauvoir & Charles Benyon on Acct. the Estate of Francis Everest.
„	16 „ 2 „ —	to William & Jocelyne Pickard acco^{t}. the Estate of Strange Pickard.
„	186 „ 5 „ 4	to Katherine Atwood acco^{t}. James Cuneys Estate.
„	8335 „ 17 „ ½	

EIGHTHLY ON THE WEST COAST.

101. Hope the Ships Lyell and George will have their full Tonnage home, tho complain the Vines do not promise a fruitful Crop.

102. Discoursed Mr. Lennox fully on Affairs of that Coast, believe he is really attached to the Companys Interest. A Committee is continued to inspect Accounts. The necessary Directions and Wares and Stores Sent per Lyell.

103. Some old Arms are sent on the Nottingham.

104. Comptons Men were in the Gunroom but all dispersed in a Month.

105. Maldiva People came on the George, offerd to take care of 'em but that Kings Noquedah eased them of all further Expense. Paid Cap^{t}. Taylor pag. 153 : fa. 5: for Dieting the People he brought.

106. West Coast very much in want of slaves 200 will not be too many.

SUPPLEMENT.

107. Shall give some account of this Ships Cargo.

108. Madrass Goods are equal to the Numbers to which they are sorted, not well cured some of it for want of Rain, little in the Tanks.

109. Soot Romals are so bad are rejected entirely.

110. Pressd the Merchants to bring in Bettellees 300 p^{s}. Oringal Sent and as many fine Pulicat ones as could procure are cheaper and better than what sent per Grantham.

111. The 40 and 50 Covid Bettellees the Merchants lose Money by as the Company are not fond of them shall not Advance the Prices.

112. St. Davids orderd to Compute what each Number stands in, they cannot get rid of No. 4 Salem No. 1 is very good better than Chemanaickpollam Cloth, Ordinary Long Cloth dearer than last year.

113. Ingeram Long Cloth ordinary is one pagoda per Corge Advanced.

114. Vizagapatam Sallampores are worse than ever, stand in full 18 Pagodoes per Corge have kept most part of No. 3 to be Inspected.

115. Madrass Sallampores ordinary No. 1 is at $16\frac{1}{8}$ pag^{o}. per Corge but the Quantity is small, Midling No. 1 only 19 pag^{o}. per Corge, on offering the Merchants an Advance on the Ordinary they asked 20 which Surprized them, the Thread for the Midling is made near, but the ordinary at a distance, bringing makes it dearer. By the Sale Book none of the Ordinary sells so well as the Midling, perhaps by being too thick and large a threaded Cloth. If favoured with particular observations on this Ships Cargo and w^{ch}. Species of Goods yield most Profit might act accordingly.

116. A Ship under Portugueze Colours arrivd 16th Sept^{r}. at Porto Novo came from Portugal in March touchd at Brazil and Mosambique, is the same Ship as was on the Coast 4 years ago, Tempest Milner is now Chief Supra Cargo and gone to Bengal on the Ship, the Second is named Belchor de Aruge, and anothor Portugueze with 6 Soldiers are left on shore at Porto Novo with 16 Chests Silver 2 of Coral and one of Gold, the whole is given out to be 50000 Pagodoes and is to be Invested in Goods to be taken in by the Ship on her return from Bengal.

117. The French have had seven ships from Europe at Pondicherry this year, 5 are gone to Bengal, of which 3 are to be loaden there, 2 to return to Pondicherry, one is going to Mocha, the other with one at Mocha last year are sailed for Europe with 2629 Bales Callicoes 610 Candy Pepper and some Redwood. The Maurepas is also loading for France 2510 Bales Coffee on board and 200 Bales Callicoes, In the whole 2829 Bales, the Merchants say 700 of them are Ginghams, Bettellees and Handkerchiefs of last year Contracts, and 400 more on the running Contract.

118. Ships Wilmington and Montagu arrivd at Bombay 2d July.

119. Received 30th September Bills from Surrat on Terrvarrees House at Madrass for Arcot Rupees $28636\frac{1}{4}$ and for pagodoes 20000 being for Rupees 61650 at $308\frac{1}{4}$ rup^{s}. for 100 Pagodas both payable at 24 days Sight, they are accepted and doubt not will be paid.

120. Shall have 500 Bales Cloth in Warehouse when this ship is dispatchd not having time to cure more, part of the Pepper is reckoned into the Tonnage the remainder and 400 Bags Saltpetre is at Half Freight per Agreement.

121. The French agreed for 1000 Corge Fine LongCloth it sorts only to the two last Numbers, is Conjeed very much then beat very Smooth and sent home Brown without any other Curing, mention this that the Use it is put to may be Enquired into, 300 Bales are sent to France on the last Ships it is a favourable Article with the Merchants its little better than Midling.

122. Gave Cap^{t}. Winter a receipt for the Copper Plates and ore received from the Nottingham, received more pieces 21 and less 1 cwt.-11. than Invoiced the Pieces

being broke, ore Casks so bad it was loose in the Hold, received 2 Casks 5–1–1 ϴ more than Invoiced, Lead deficient 3–2–19 ϴ right in Tale endorsd on the Bill of Lading.

123. Cap^{t}. Winter's Acco^{t}. upon Oath in the Packet of Goods shipp'd.

124. He paid 3000 Current pagodoes on Oath as part of his Adventure, the Rate of Exchange is not mentioned in the Certificate, the Batta of Madrass Pagodoes is now from 6 to 7 per Cent and 3 per Cent is allowed to those who pay them in.

125. Gave Cap^{t}. Winter a Bill of Exchange for £240 or 600 Pagodoes payable to himself for money due to him when last in India, its paid in Madrass Pagodoes.

126. Invoice of the Nottingham is pag. 136048 : fa. 31 : ca. 52. Register of Bills in return for Coral pag. 12678 : fa. 32 : ca. 38. Manifest Diamonds and Precious Stones pag. 8591 : fa. 4 : ca. 22. Invoice to St. Helena pag. 560 : fa. 3 : ca. 5. and Cap^{t}. Winter's Manifest Private Trade pag. 7690 : fa. 32 : ca. 25.

127. Acco^{t}. Produce of such Chests Coral for which returns are now made in full comes in the Packet.

RICHARD BENYON.
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1738. RECEIVED PER ROYAL GUARDIAN 25TH AUGUST 1738. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 224–229. (India office transcript)*].

1. Ship Nottingham saild 6th October shall now add further Advices.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

2. The latter End of October Floated on Shore some Firr Top Masts and a large Piece of the Larboard Quarter of some Ship, per Wood and Workmanship built in the Thames, beleive could only be part of the Grafton or Pelham.

3. Wilmington left Mangolore 1st Nov^{r}. Montagu Tellicherry 2nd Nov^{r}.

4. Royal Guardian arrivd from Canton 8th January.

5. Her Outward Cargo sold but indifferent for want of room, obliged to bring back 10000 Tale in Gold at a very dear rate. Tutenague bought Cheap and sold well, reckon the Voyage will make better than 20 per Cent. Shall expect a Ship of the Companys to go to China this year and shall secure a proper Cargo for her, pepper will be a main Article but difficult to procure.

6. Ship George will sail for the West Coast about the 10th Instant.

7. Two Sloops built for Bengal at Pegu saild thence 12th December, charge is more than expected, that Governments Impositions make Building much dearer than usual, so that wrote to Bombay to Build a Ship for the West Coast Trade, Bought a new Sloop of 22 Tons for 300 Pagodoes to be sent there with the George.

8. Signals given Captain Hoadley, Ship Surveyd and Cautiond against Fire.

9. If the Lyell arrives in March shall send her with Salt Petre on to the West Coast to Kintlage the Store Ship and the Lyell come home for the March Sale.

SECONDLY, OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

10. Per Royal Guardian received 8 Chests Treasure from the Sussex and Winchesters Supra Cargoes and 3 Chests from the Harrisons so have 47 Chests in Warehouse, 70000 Madrass Rupees & 28636 Arcot Rupees. Silver shall be Coind or sent in Bullion to Bengal.

11. Merchants but within these few Days cleard the Warehouse of the Broad Cloth of 1736, when they Treat about the Sale of the Cloth received per last Ships shall insist on 3 per Cent more than last year for the badness of the Current Money taking that to be one of the many reasons for the Advance of Callicoes.

12. Half the Broad Cloth bought by Imaum Sahib of the Merchants two years ago remains unsold so that Uniting 'em will not Answer.

13. Sold 600 Candy Lead 11th January at pag°. 13 : 10. fan°. per Candy, they Indent for 2000 Candy.

14. Broad Cloth of two Colours and Brocades unsold at Arcot so indent for none.

15. Warehouse Indents are sent, Sea Greens are little better than Popinjaes.

16. Store keepers Books sent, Profits are pag. 1854 : fa. 6 : ca. 30. a Small Sum for the Stock being near 60000 Pagodoes, but deducting Dead Stock and Goods for use its not inconsiderable, many lesser Articles omitted. Indent for Sail Cloth being disappointed from Bengal, Nagapatam and Malacca, and if it should not sell will in a few years be used for Sails and Tarpaulins.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

17. Salem Cloth per Nottingham $3\frac{1}{4}$ pag°. per Corge dearer than two years before thô the company wrote it did not answer so well as the Ordinary. Contracts made a Month before received the advice, prest for more Ordinary which has grown worse and worse being little better than what complained of about 14 years ago, so the Investment is almost wholly made to the Southward where the Weavers are gone and large demands give 'em full employment.

18. An Oppressive Administration over all the Countrey enhances the Prices, Taxes are doubled, Grains engrossed and sold at Exorbitant Prices w°h. alone must depopulate the Countrey were not the Inhabitants Supported by so many Nations Strugling for Cloth, notwithstanding the Power given in 1732 to give the same or better prices as at Pondicherry have concluded if possible to get any Quantity at the present Prices, not to go any further at least for the Ordinary as the French wou'd advance beyond them.

19. In 1732 Longcloth ordinary sold for 65 : 6. which cost but pagodas $38\frac{1}{16}$ per Corge, whereas in 1736 Salem Cloth sold but for 56 which cost $48\frac{1}{2}$ so that the Profits on Salem Cloth at least is very small, and by advancing the Prices it wou'd be reduced next to nothing. French Prices are dearer and Freights higher Charges prodigious unless sales are better than in England they can be no Gainers, desire full Instructions and how for the Company will give Discretional Power in case Difficulties arise.

20. The South Provinces are the Chief Countreys for Ordinary Cloth the Charge of a Corge from Salem to St. David is $2\frac{1}{2}$ pag°. to bring it to Madrass pag 4 : 20 : 20. and a tedious time on the Road for Want of Water or Oxen so that have made attempts to revive the Manufacture about Madrass.

21. The Merchants brought in as much as last year, thô almost totally faild in some of the fine Goods urging the Prices, the Muster is of 26 year Standing without alteration in the Price Super fine Cloth per this Ship is 18 Caul, think it dear but the French pay more.

22. Send a few Chay Goods shall send no more till hear how they answer.

23. Send also the stripd and white Ginghams, Izzarees and some Bettellees.

24. Received no Sannoes or Baftaes from Bengal.

25. St. David Cloth is all of the Courser sorts, too dear, impossible to get it cheaper, the want of Merchants prevents an encrease of the quantity as well as the Neighbourhood of the French.

26. Obliged to turn out great part of the Vizagapatam Sallampores whats taken in is mostly sorted to No. 3. Observe that No. per Nassau sold only for 20^{s}. and if compute right the Charges are 13^{s}. not producing Prime Cost. Mr. Sanderson says good Cloth is not to be had at the present prices unless Cotton grows cheaper wh^{ch}. was 120, to 140 Rupees the Candy all last Season.

27. Ingeram Cloth no better and therefore turned much of it out.

28. Received 203 Bales from Maddapollam, all Brown so cannot give an opinion of them 'till they are washt.

29. Northern Settlements fell short 1000 Bales in what expected.

30. One Calla Serrapa whom Mr. Graham employed at Maddapollam first fell into troubles with the Government is since dead Insolvent, so that his Debt pagodas 1873 : 34 : 28. is Desperate. The Nabob fleeced him of every Rupee.

31. Think may promise a Ship in September, Ponnapa gave in a *List of 600* Bales on an Advance of 20000 Pag^{s}. but were sometime before they agreed, wanting more Ordnary and less Salem Cloth and he wanting to lessen the Midling, abated only a Pagoda per Corge on the Salem, they Aim to encrease the Midling as it sells better than Ordnary. Sent to the Northward a Muster, expect chiefly Midling thence shall heartily Endeavour it being out of the way of the other European nations.

32. Are treating with another set of Merchants for Fine Goods.

33. Some steps taken in Consultation 16th January to procure Saltpetre from Pegue, some Expence may be necessary, desire Directions.

Fourthly of Country Government.

34. The Army is returned from the Mallabar Coast to Arcot, the Nabob is gone to Golcondah.

35. Bought the Ship Prince Fredericks Cargo of Rice at 90 pag^{o}. per Garce and 17½ Garce at 100 Pag^{o}. the whole Sum laid out in Rice this year is 21000 Pagodas the Company are no Losers.

36. Have a Prospect of as pretty good Supply by Sea, a Padre who has been 3 days Journey says large tracts are Uncultivated, little Water in the Tanks, and is of opinion the Famine will be felt more this year than the last.

37. The Letters are Entered which past on Bengal ships selling Rice at Moors Ports and refer to them.

38. Northern Merchants bought Sixty Thousand French Rupees Examind and Assayed them exactly, they are the same in weight and Fineness with the Arcot, only instead of a Star are stampd with a Flower de Luce, this piece of French vanity denotes it 4 per Cent worse, passing for so much less—So that for some Months they have sent up their Silver for a Market, Are told Arcot Rupees are Stopd in Bengal so hope Madrass Rupees will come into vogue again, but Silver is so dear Gold is sent to the Bay.

39. Sent the Nabob at his desire 200 Madrass Rupees in return for Arcot ones, it was said he intended a reform in the Coin, but it came to nothing as did a talk of fixing the standard of pagodas which are worse this year than last.

Fifthly, of Fortifications and Revenues.

40. Store house, Sea Gate and Passages repairs are near finished they will not Exceed the Computation.

41. Town Conicoplys Duty and savings of Scavingers Duty hope will defray the Charge of Bridges, Burying a great many Dead Bodies found in the streets has been a Charge.

42. St. Davids want a new Powder Magazine, a Plan is sent.

43. The Damage done by Rains there is repaired.

44. Survey of Bounds and Emcroachments not yet Compleated.

45. Arrack and Wine Licence relett for 5 years on the usual terms.

46. Charges are Lessened 3244 and Revenues encreased 5222 pagodas last year to 30 April, Sea Customs from 1st January to 31st December (thô a year of Famine is not favourable to Commerce) on Goods imported are encreased 1800 Pag°. and Encrease on Grain 6596. Land Customs encreased 1420 a convincing proof that a general Freedom of Trade is allowed to all.

Sixthly of Covenant Servants.

47. Since their last dyed John Cooke Writer and Major David Wilson, Lieutenant Horne will go to the West Coast, Serjeant Raven is Ensign.

48. Mr. Halliburton is under the Import and Mr. Boothby the Export Warehousekeeper.

Seventhly of Accounts.

49. The Bills of Exchange from Surrat were paid when due, the purchase of Silver at Pondicherry is explained in Consultation 27 October.

50. Have drawn on the Company the following Bills of Exchange viz.:

£	405	6	10¾	payable	to Judah Supino & Son
,,	196	16	¼		to Ditto
,,	309	7	9¼		to Ditto
,,	296	2	10		to Ditto
,,	321	—	7¼		to Ditto
,,	293	7	5¾		to Ditto
,,	326	10	9		to Ditto
,,	159	19	10½		to Abraham & Jacob Franco
,,	124	8	—½		
,,	725	7	7¼		to Joseph & David Franco
,,	405	12	11		to Wm. Jennings & Abraham & Jacob Franco
,,	176	8	1		to Isaac Salvador
,,	530	1	9½		
,,	913	14	3½		to Judah Supino & Son.
,,	1012	13	5¾		
,,	527	11	2¾		
,,	604	5	5½		to Judah Supino & Son
,,	360	9	3¼		to Ditto
,,	113	17	2¾		to Ditto
,,	278	5	6		to Ditto
,,	631	2	4¾		to Jacob Dias
,,	350	7	5		to Ditto
,,	297	16	7¼		to James Porten
,,	275	7	6½		payable to Abraham & Jacob Franco
,,	532	4	—¾		
,,	359	8	5		
,,	106	10	6		
,,	263	14	—		
,,	314	9	8¾		
,,	2367	14	8¼		
,,	646	17	10¼		to Jacob Fernandes Nunes
,,	106	10	5½		to Judah Supino & Son
,,	293	8	2¼		
,,	244	15	3¾		
,,	140	5	4		
,,	735	7	6¾		
,,	228	12	7½		to Moses Espinoza

£ 2741 „ 11 „ 6¾		
„ 1968 „ 19 „ 10		to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„ 126 „ 14 „ 8¾		
„ 212 „ 6 „ 3½		
„ 188 „ 7 „ 9¼		to Anthony Da Costa
„ 49 „ 14 „ 5½		to Solomon de Castro
„ 69 „ 5 „ 7¼		to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„ 200 „ — „ —		to George Morton Pitt Esq.
„ 80 „ — „ —		to Daniel Morse
„ 200 „ — „ —		to Hugh Watson
„ 40 „ — „ —		to Capt. John Mackmath
„ 40 „ — „ —		to Richard Aspinwall
„ 100 „ — „ —		to James Fordham
„ 288 „ 8 „ —		to Robert James
„ 40 „ — „ —		to Wm. Aldersey
„ 80 „ — „ —		to Richard Wyat Esq.
„ 40 „ — „ —		to Francis Coghan
„ 100 „ — „ —		to Thomas Appleby
„ 40 „ — „ —		to Mary Whaley
„ 43 „ 13 „ 5¼		to Capt. Ralph Farr Winter
„ 50 „ — „ —		to Caesar Falliet
„ 50 „ — „ —		to Monsr. Le Chambrier
„ 400 „ — „ —		to Elizabeth Torriano
„ 400 „ — „ —		to Thomas Weston
„ 50 „ 19 „ 7		to Richard Say
„ 66 „ 7 „ 2¼		to Henrietta Arabin Champars
„ 370 „ 16 „ —		to Capt. Henry Hoadley

In all Amounting to £ 24013 „ 4 „ 1¼

51. Gave Captain Hoadley Certificates for 8185 (Pag.) : 27 (fa.) : 17. (ca.) paid into Cash.

Eighthly of the West Coast.

52. Refer to the Committees Report and Orders thereon Enterd in Consultation 9th January shall send the George thither 10th Instant with proper Directions.

Ninthly of the New Charter.

53. Difficulties in deciding Civil Suits among the Natives are viz.:

54. When a Man is in debt the whole Family is liable to pay till the Estate of the House is divided publickly by the Heads of the Cast, A Father dies in debt and if the Son grows rich he must pay all Arrears.

55. Another Difficulty is what Oath to Administer, the most common one is receiving from the Braminy and swallowing a Mouthful of Water Infused with Mint, this by Experience is Slighted, Witnesses will Swear the Direct Contrary. A more Solemn Oath is taken in the Pagodas before the Idol by the Deponent extinguishing a Lamp Solemnly Imprecating Judgments on himself and Family if he Swears falsely, this Oath many Casts will for no Consideration take, like Quakers.

56. Captain Hoadley applied to have one of his People Tried for Murder but desired him to carry the Offender home in Irons.

Supplement.

57. The Ship whereof Mr. Milner is Supra Cargo went to Bengal in September, was kindly received by the French at Chandernagore and is arrived from thence at Pondicherry Reports various of her Designs.

58. The Heathcote arrivd at Bombay 27th November.

59. Cap. Hoadleys agreemt. for Surplus Tonnage at ½ Freight sent.

60. Timber and Joices are put on board the George for Moco Moco House. A Strong Wall to enclose it necessary, A Plan is sent in the Packet, the Pepper Warehouse must be built at some distance.

61. Several Servants have executed Covenants on Coming of Age and propose the Security mentioned and Write to them.

62. Invoice amo^{ts}. to Pag^{o}. 107800 : 19 : 50, that to St. Helena 174 : 26 : 55 Captains Register 17417 : Register of Diamonds 5416 : 35 : 38.

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NIC : MORSE.
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 29, 1738. RECEIVED PER WILMINGTON 10TH APRIL, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 251–259. (India office transcript.)*]

1. Last was dated 6th February per Royal Guardian, by a Dead Wind on shore she did not Sail till the 10th.

2. Since then received the Companys Orders and now reply.

3. The Ships for the Coast and Bay arrived and Sailed viz^{t}. :

	Arrived.	Sailed.	
Princess Mary	7th April	10th May	for the Bay
Godolphin	4th May	9 June	for Canton
Royal George	15 June	20 June	for the Bay
Wager	12 July	22 August	for the Bay
Beaufort	13 July	Loading for England	
Duke Cumberland	26 July	16 August	for Bengal
Scarborough	29 July	20 August	for Bengal

4. Shall avoid any the like Errors as in the Darby and Marlboro's Dispatch.

5. Godolphin in 39°. S°. lost her Bowspright, Fore Mast and Main Top Mast, are disappointed of a Cargo proper for the China Market, Some Tin is bought at 42 ½ pago. per Candy, Sandall Wood is engrossed in the Countrey and lies on hand, Lead falling at Madrass sent 80 Ton upon her and bought some Cotton. Invoice is enclosed, Messrs. James Nevill and Charles Beard are Supra Cargoes. Per Calculate the Company will gain 15 or 20 per Cent. The President and Council are not concerned in the Voyage for by Freight and Custom had no prospect of Gain, but are still desirous the Trade should be carried on upon one of the Companys ships, as an effectual means to keep the French and Macao Ships at home ; hope they may be Concerned when suitable to their Interest.

6. Spared Captain Steward and the Supra Cargoes some Silver for private Adventures.

7. Expected the Royal George had long before passed by for Bengal but the Captain has been at Batavia.

8. Ship Lyell lost her passage to Bombay and came to Madrass, the Captain desired to be unloaded there, only gave him their opinion and he landed his Cargo of Rice &c^{a}. Bombay and Bengal were adviced, and on the Lyells return to Bengal sent by her 90 Ton Redwood, 30 chests rupees and the Madeira Wine per Beaufort, Cap^{t}. Acton received the Packets also from the Company, gave him orders to deliver them but no Dispatches, he sailed the 21th July.

9. Ship Wilmington arrived 4th May being dispatched from Tellicherry the 15th March.

10. The Commanders of Duke Cumberland and Scarborough's reasons for coming there are enterd in Consultation 31th July. Captain Braund dyed 8th Instant is succeeded by Benj[a]. Webster.

11. Fixed on the Beaufort for the September ship.

12. The King William arrived at Mocha 25th April, Supra Cargoes advise 2650 Bales Coffee are on board, not doubting of buying the rest of her Cargo at a reasonable rate.

13. The Resolution arrived at Bombay 20th May with only 141 Slaves.

14. Shall protest against Commanders who refuse to take Goods on board.

15. The Companys own ship George did not sail to the West Coast till 20th February being detained some dayes by a Trick of the Boat Fellows.

16. Sloop William arrived 23th March from Bengal w[th]. 500 Bags Salt petre.

17. Ship Ann brought thence 22 April 700 D°. & Madrass Sloop 500 D°.

18. Sloop Formosa was drove on shore and lost near Mazulapatam and Broke to pieces in a few Hours 7th March last having 3000 pag°. and 69 : 9 : 34 pag°. in Stores on board and only the People saved. The Treasure was put in the Boat but that oversett. Mr. Goddard went to try if he could find the Pagodas but without Success, Messrs. Andrewes and Goodere were passengers the latter writing he had lost his all and had not a rag of Cloathes or Money to buy any and was very ill of the Bruizes in getting on Shore, Fifty Pagodoes were paid to new rigg him.

19. Are sorry for the Complaint of large quantitys of Damaged Goods, all possible care is taken that the Boats are well dunnaged with Brushwood, the Tarpaulins are large, but the Boats are kept astern or alongside the Ships most part of the Day and if Bales receive Wett going over the Serf after lying so long a Stern they may be dry again before hoisted into the Ships, shall press the Captains to do their parts.

20. Captain Westcott left the Anglesea at Johanna.

21. Have advised Bengall shall not have above 500 Bales for the Ship in January and Indented for Surpluss Salt Petre to make good any deficiency therein.

22. Stores received short from the Wager are endorsed on the Bill of Lading, the Captain refusing to pay for them. A Mistake of £ 26. 12. in the Inv°. is rectified in the Books.

23. The Ship Jane just arrived from Benjar brings advice Captain Pelly was arrived there, and was taking in a Cargo hoping to proceed for China in July. A Packet received from the Supra Cargoes is enclosed, The Jane passed Batavia the 6th July and heard the other Three China Ships were in that Port.

24. Have ordered Two Sloops to be Built at Pegu for the West Coast and Expect them in December.

Secondly of Goods from Europe.

25. The 19[th] June receivd a Letter from Bengal dated 10[th] April desiring half the Bullion to be Coined into Rupees, Sent them 400000 Rupees per Princess Mary, 240000 Rupees per Lyell, 240000 Rupees per Wager, 152000 Rupees per Scarboro', and 152000 Rupees per Duke Cumberland.

26. Apprehended the Royal George was gone by directly for the Bay or they had not Coined the Princess Marys Treasure.

27. Have Coined 133¼ Chests Bullion, Sent 9 Chests on the Companys Acco[t]. per Godolphin to China, Sold 4½ to the Captain and Supra Cargoes, and Sent 20 Chests per Wager to Bengal so that 30 Chests remain in Warehouse to supply the Cash if theres occasion.

28. The Bullion Coined produced rupees. 1128157 : an. 7 : of which 1184000 Rupees Sent to Bengal.

29. Mint Braminys refused to take the new Mexico Dollars at 2 dwt. Worse, Assay Master reported 'em 3½ dwt. Worse, they agreed to take 'em at 3 dwt. (pennyweight).

30. Stores decayed and worn out at S^{t}. David last y^{rs}. pag. 65 : fa. 18 : ca. 34.

31. Received this year the Broad Cloth and Perpets Indented for by the Merchants, but none of the Bales. 200 Indented for Sale and use. The Perpets per Godolphin were not fit for the China Market should be ⅖ black ⅖ Blue ⅕ Scarlet.

32. Three Pipes Wine per Beaufort Lost by Leakage. 57 Pipes sold at pag. 51. fa. 17 : ca. 8. per Pipe.

33. So little of the Lead bought in January is Sold the August Sale is put off.

34. Copper sells better in the Bay than at Madrass.

35. Copper designed for the Bay per Beaufort is sent forward per Wager, the Number of Plates come out right cwt. 2. qr. I. lb. 21. Short in Weight.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

36. Received the List per Early Ships and no Alterations by the latter ones.

37. Are the more Concerned Callicoes are fallen in Europe as they cannot get 'em cheaper, or even prevent the Prime Cost rising, the French being powerful Competitors and the Country Governments bad Measures.

38. The great Demand by different Nations cause Callicoes to be Dearer, but the Dearness of Grain is most to be Complained of, the Government stoppd its being carried out of Town into the Countrey saying it would fall the Price and so disable the Farmers paying their Rents trebly raised.

39. Agreed 24th February with Comrapa for some Fine Goods Amount pagods. 30000, advanced the Fine Long Cloth of 12 Cauls to 70 Pagodoes per Corge. 4th March agreed with Ponnapa for 2800 P^{s}. Fine Long Cloth and 3000 Fine Sallampores, and with Molinga Kistna for 1000 Fine Long Cloth. Sent the Musters of Fine and Midling to S^{t}. Davids but the Merchants all declined providing any at or near the Prices as at Madrass, so sent to Maddapollam Orders for 2000 Fine Long Cloth, the best to be got, have little hopes of Success.

40. Agreed wth. Molinga Kistna 13th March for a List of other Goods and 4th March for a little List with the Managers of the New Petta. It is not the Merchants fault they are not so forward in Compleating these Agreements as could wish but its to be imputed to the Calamitous State of the Countrey by the Morattas Ravages.

41. Tomby Chitty has done very little since last Nov^{r}. so is under some Disgrace, if gentle means will not do shall make up his Accounts.

42. Think the Investment at S^{t}. David will encrease in Quantity this year, but believe must take what is sent or none so are shy of finding fault.

43. Refer to their Letter to S^{t}. David 21th February and the Answer 2d March as to advancing Money to get the more Cloth.

44. Wrote to S^{t}. David for 200 Dimities and 2000 P^{s}. Blue Cloth.

45. The Vizagapatam Cloth proved wretched stuff, too in only 78 Bales, are like to receive no more this year, the Dutch take in worse and give more.

46. Ingeram gives hopes of Bales. 400 for the January Ships.

47. Shall have little more from Maddapollam. In a word all the Northern Cloth grows so bad and dear shall consider of Withdrawing Injeram and Maddapollam.

48. The Encrease of Number of Merchants at Madrass is more from Necessity than Choice, Different hands interfere too much, Comrapa if he continues will give Satisfaction, Andiapa has been forced to get out of the way for fear of being fleeced, on his return to Porto Novo may possibly engage him to do business for the Company.

49. Shall observe Directions as to Midling Cloth Worse than Muster.

50. Observations on French Cloth of little Use, not understanding their Marks.

51. Received 2 Jars Salt Petre from Pegue, on refining it looses $\frac{5}{8}$ and then not so strong as Bengal Petre w^{ch}. loses but $\frac{1}{8}$, the Cost is not yet Advised.

52. The Gorrigot Silk per Lyell sold at $15\frac{1}{2}$ pag^{s}. per maund is near 20 per cent.

53. Lyell Landed 4794 Bags Rice, and 228 Bags Salt Petre being 22 short, are Endorsed off the Bill Lading Bengals advised.

54. Shall send 200 P^{s}. Long Cloth to S^{t}. Hellena per Beaufort.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTREY GOVERNMENTS.

55. The Nabob of Arcotts Sons Plundered the Merchants and Inhabitants during his Absence and sufferd the Morattas to enter the Countrey, great was the Misery and Desolation wherever they came, they Seized a Caravan of Goods value 200000 Pagodoes going into the Canaree Countrey by w^{ch}. some of the Madrass Merchants sufferd. Subderally Caun bought the Morattas retreat by a large sum.

56. Chunda Sahib the Nabobs other Son is to the Southward near Tanjore, its said the French are to assist him in the Conquest of that Kingdom, its certain the French are aiming at great things, sending all the ships and force they can to Karracal between Negapatam and Tranquebar saying they bought it, but the King of Tanjore refuses to deliver it. The Dutch and Danes are very uneasy. Pretend no Europeans by Contract were to settle between them, but the French are resolved to force a Settlement and say their King will bear them out in it.

57. Imaum Sahib gave Advice that the Morattas designed to attack Bombay of which gave Governor Horne Notice.

58. By the Troublesome and Calamitous State of the Country had little vent for any Goods into it, most of what sold has been for Exportation. Have had a shew of a great Number of Ships and Vessels but the Grain Trade brought most of them and that seems to be the Chief Trade of the Place, do not design any Ship to the Westward except one to Surrat with Java Sugars, Bussora and Mocha Markets have entirely faild this year.

59. The Prince of Orange of Fort William was the only Ship that Saved the Hodge at Juddah, the French Ship left her Cargo behind and they have 1500 Bales Blue Goods at Mocha Unsold, and had no better Success at Bussorah, but their Spirits are high, being supported by their Company who are Concerned 25000 pag. in any Stock and by large sums of Bankers at Paris.

60. The French have had five Ships with large Stocks Three more are Expected, cannot learn they have any Goods ready for September, their Scheme is to do all the Mischief they can to their Neighbours rather than Advantage themselves.

61. The Charge of Victualling the Soldiers sent to Tellicherry was 436 Pagodoes.

62. Beginning of the year bought on the Companys Acco^{t}. 29 Garce of Rice and 211 Garce Paddy, the Acco^{t}. kept of Importation, Sale and to whom has effectually checked Engrossers, had no reason to tax any two years ago. The Lyells Rice 82 Garce. Mercal. : 241. is kept in Store, will be of good stead, have sufficient till Christmas when expect a good Supply from the Northward the Rains promising a plentiful Crop.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS & REVENUES.

63. Have repaired the Silver Mint, Town Hall, Export Warehousekeepers Lodgings and the Beating and Sorting Godown at the Expence of pag. 716. fa. 16.

64. Bad Debts wrote off Rentall Acco^{ts}. for last year pag. 26. fa. 14.

65. Sold a piece of Wast Ground to M^{r}. Hammond for 25 Pagodoes.

66. Cowles continue as they were, Relet Butteca Rent and Shroff Duty at the old Rate.

67. Bound Renters at S^{t}. David Indulged in a long Leave on having a New Water Course w^{ch}. will advance the Rent on reletting.

68. Farms at Vizagapatam produce 77 rupees more than last year.

69. Were informed in December a Scheme was laid to make Pagodoes still worse in the Countrey Mints even so low as 78 touch, upon that thought of fixing Madrass Pagodoes as the standard of the Place by which all Bargains to be made, to make all others at a greater or lesser Discount, in proportion to goodness, but as a temporary remedy ordered the Shroff not to Seal any Pagodoes more than 80¼ to 80½ Touch, this caused all worse Money to disappear and thus the Affair stands at present and hope a stop is put to the Countrey Governments Iniquitous scheme.

70. They cannot give their Sentiments better on the Companys regulations of Remitting Money by Bills of Exchange than by the following Calculations:

	£.	s.	d.
Current Pagodoes 1000 Remitted by Bill at s. d. 7 : 8 will produce	383	6	8
Current Pagodoes 1000 Sent in Specie weigh oz. 110. of Touch 80½ are English Standard oz. dwt. 96. 12 at £ 3 : 19	381	11	5
Current Pagodoes 1000 Laid out in Gold and sent home uncoined, the weight as above is decl. parts. equal to oz. 95. 215 of Touch 93 the Standard of China Gold and allowing 2 per cent charge of turning into Money will purchase of China standard oz. 97. 1193, or English Standard oz. 98. 1683 at £ 3. 19 ...	389	4	—
Current Pagod^{s}. 1000 Laid out in Gold and coined into Pagodas and sent home Oz. 97. 1193. of China Gold is Pagoda Matt Oz. decl. part. 104. 7198 at Oz. 110. 10. 10. per 1000 Madrass Pagodas are pagodas 947. 685. The Company forgive their Duty of ½ per cent so remains to be charged for Alloy 55 ... Minters Labour 60 ... ... } 1·15 per cent	10.	898.	
Nett Pag^{s}.	936.	787.	
which are 103. 5149 of touch 86¼ or Standard 97. 398 at £ 3. 19	£ 384	14	5
Current Pagodas 1000 Coind as above and remitted by Bill Madrass Pagodas 936. 787. s at 8. per Pagoda	374	17	4
Current Pagodas 1000 Laid out in Madrass Pagodoes when Uncoind Gold is not procurable yield still less, the Difference between 80½ and 86¼ is per Cent 7. 142.			

Difference in weight 5.

Intrinsick Difference . . . 7,642.

But the Merchant who buys 'em up must have his Profit w^{ch}. considering rate of Interest . . . 858. . . . . 8·5 per cent.

So that the 1000 Current will procure only pag^{o}. 921. 659.

71. By which it appears the best way of Returns is in Uncoind Gold, the next to it is by Bills for Current Pagodoes at $\overset{s.}{7.}\ \overset{d.}{8.}$ Some Coral Merchants may prefer Gold to Bills but as others may choose to save that risque Subjoyn that One hundred Pounds sterling Laid out in Silver Produces viz^{t}. at $\overset{s.}{5.}\ \overset{d.}{5.}$ per Ounce is Oz. 369,23075 worse 3 dwts. are Madrass Standard Oz. 364. 2411 or Dollars ... 413. 5066

at 14¼ Dollars for 10 pagodas are pag^{s}. 290. 6. 38

Pag^{o}. 290. 6. 38 at $\overset{s.}{7.}\ \overset{d.}{8.}$ are £111. 4. 8⅖

Pag^{o}. 290. 6. 38 at 7. 4. ... ... 106. 7. 11⅗

72. In Bills at $\overset{s.}{7.}\ \overset{d.}{8.}$ the Company allow 11¼ per cent in Lieu of Two years Interest and Risque out, but at $\overset{s.}{7.}\ \overset{d.}{4.}$ it is only 6⅖.

73. More Mints about 'em than five which vary the Standard at Pleasure w^{ch}. as above obliged them to refuse all under 80¼ or 80½ Touch, so do not send any.

Sixthly of Covenant Servants.

74. Mr. Francis Rous one of the Council Died the 1st April last, Mr. Monson is appointed Land Customer, and Mr. Charles Simpson is called to the Board and made Rentall General & Scavinger.

75. Mr. Rous dying in bad Circumstances, His widow is allowed Ten Pagodoes a month and 5 for each of her Four Infant Children, hope it will be approved.

76. Mr. Thomas Appelby died the 31th July last, Mr. Thomas Saunders is Sub Accountant & Mr. John Hammond Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate.

77. Mr. Richard Prince is sent to Vizagapatam, Mr. Legh Denny is since dead there.

78. These Deaths and Removes have reduced the Servants at Madrass to 18, were necessitated to allow Mr. Alexander Wynch 10 Pagodoes as a Monthly Writer.

79. Mr. Denny died intestate his Effects are ordered to be Collected.

80. Mr. John Goulding Gunner Died the 29th June. Mr. William Percival is appointed Gunner and has Executed a Bond to serve it five years.

81. Ensign William Turbutt died 2d. July. Ensigns Forbes and Senior resigned. Supplied by Serjeants Langford, Scrimsour and Love.

82. Seamen on the Wager shall be sent to Bombay. The Soldiers are *greatly* wanted so keep them at Madrass.

83. Mr. William Douglas is Surgeons Mate and also Mr. Robert Turin being necessary and to supply any Vacancy.

84. Shall send the Black (John Nero) to Bencoolen.

85. Return Thanks for Indulgence granted as to Bills of Exchange.

Seventhly of Accounts.

86. Examine the Cash on reading the Acco^{ts}. monthly. Its now so Low have granted Bills for $\overset{pag.}{40000}$ in favour of George M. Pitt Esq.

87: Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange at s. 7. d. 8. per Pagoda.

£	698 „ 18 „	$5\frac{3}{4}$	payable to Judah Supino & Son.
„	157 „ 17 „	$9\frac{1}{2}$	
„	204 „ 13 „	$2\frac{3}{4}$	to David Gomezserra.
„	382 „ 5 „	$8\frac{3}{4}$	
„	24 „ 3 „	$3\frac{3}{4}$	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	820 „ 12 „	$5\frac{1}{2}$	to Wm. Jennings & Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	401 „ 14 „	10	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	79 „ 1 „	$6\frac{3}{4}$	to Judah Supino & Son.
„	118 „ 10 „	$9\frac{3}{4}$	
„	261 „ 1 „	11	
„	160 „ 15 „	$8\frac{1}{4}$	to Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
„	208 „ 3 „	$2\frac{3}{4}$	to David Gomez Serra.
„	402 „ 17 „	$4\frac{1}{4}$	to Moses Espinoza.
„	15333 „ 6 „	8	to George Morton Pitt Esq.
„	1165 „ 15 „	$-\frac{1}{2}$	to James Colebrooke.
„	1916 „ 13 „	4	to Thomas Weston at s. 7. d. 4. per Pagoda.
„	650 „ 3 „	10	to John Mendez da Costa Junr.
„	3130 „ 4 „	8	to Heron Hart.
„	146 „ 13 „	4	to Elizabeth Brown.
„	1000 „ — „	—	to Capt. Robert Baillie.
„	1400 „ — „	—	to Capt. Charles Gray.
	28666 „ 13 „	$1\frac{1}{4}$	

88. Granted Certificates for Pago. 3480. 35. for Accot. Capt. Richd. Pinnel.
. . . . 642. 16. 10 for Acct. Capt. Robert Holmes.

89. Send on Accot. in the Packet of the Produce of Coral & Cash Account.

90. Joan Hector Sinclair kept in Custody for a Murder, comes on the Wilmington as a Charterparty passenger.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augs. Burton.
Nichº. Morse.
Wm. Monson.
Geo: Torriano.
Chas. Simpson.

Abstract of General Letter to the Company, Dated August 30, 1738.

Received per Wilmington, 10th April 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, p. 260 (India office transcript)*].

Received by a French Ship A Letter from Captain Blake Commander of the Hallifax advising that Ships being safe in the North West Harbour of Mauritius, Copy thereof is enclosed.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augs. Burton.
Nichº. Morse.
Willm. Monson.
George Torriano.
Charles Simpson.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1738. RECEIVED PER BEAUFORT 13TH JUNE, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 260-262, (India office transcript)*].

1. Ship Wilmington saild the 3d Instant w^th^. their last 29th August.

2. The 3d Instant Ship Princess Emilia brought 2000 Bags Salt Petre from Bengal full kintlage for Godolphin.

3. Surveys of the Beauforts Men and Stores in the Packet.

4. Lead by her was deficient cwt. 2 — 20 with other small deficiencys are Endorsed on the Bill of Lading the Captain refusing to pay for them.

5. Merchants complain that almost all the Broad Cloth they last bought lay still on hand, the high Prices Invoiced at preventing the Sale, having considered the same abated the Additional 3 per cent they gave more than last year, whereupon they delivered an Indent of 405 Bales enclosed, they desire none of the Cloths may exceed the prices they mention in the said Indent, and all the Auroras to have white Lists.

6. Send in the Packet an Indent of Woollen Goods for use and sale.

7. Cape Wines are grown into dislike and little good. Shirash Imported of late so desire 100 Pipes Madeira.

8. Close cloudy weather for a Month past and showers have hindred curing of Callicoes, 300 Bales are at Washers and the Merchants Godowns, choose to dispatch the Beaufort by the 25th to prevent accidents.

9. Believe this Ships Cargo will prove acceptable in the March Sale. Sorting is Even, if some are dearer its not to be avoided, some of the Superfine Long Cloth is better than the Royal Guardians, paid more for it, The French give 131½ pag^o^. per Corge for 18 Caul Cloth but 4 Covids longer than theirs and not so well made. Bengal Sannoes are not Conjeed or Glazed.

10. The French Force sent to Carracal are returned to Pondicherry without attempting to Land, they send 3 Ships home next Month, one with Coffee and two filled up with Pepper and Callicoes not above 2000 Bales Callicoes.

11. Mr. Milners Ship coming out of Bengal River in March last lost all her Anchors and Cables and the Ship was saved by running into a Mud Bank, suppose she will proceed to Europe in December, Goods provided for her at Porto Novo chiefly Blue Cloth and some striped Ginghams and Morees.

12. The Ballance of Mr. Legh Dennys Estate is 1025: 21: 74. pag^o^.

13. Have drawn Bills of Exchange, viz^t^. at 7. 8 per pag^o^. s. d.

£	725	„ 6	„ ¼	payable to	Isaac Salvador.
„	181	„ —	„ ½	to	Judah Supino & Son.
„	379	„ 18	„ 7¾	to	Ditto.
„	1108	„ 7	„ —	to	James Porten.
„	615	„ 5	„ 6¾	to	Jacob Dias.
„	300	„ 19	„ 11¼	to	Judah Supino & Son.
„	649	„ 7	„ 7¾	to	Ditto.
„	262	„ 3	„ 1	to	Ditto.
„	571	„ 1	„ 11½	to	Ditto.
„	758	„ 13	„ 6¾	to	Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
„	766	„ 13	„ 4	to	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	100	„ —	„ —	to	Charles Benyon.
„	400	„ —	„ —	to	Sidney Foxall.
„	191	„ 13	„ 4	to	Richard Wiat.
„	81	„ 6	„ 7¼	to	Ralph Whistler.
			s. d.		
„	38	„ 12	„ 3	at 7. 4 per pogoda.	to William Wood.

£	1027 „	15 „	4	payable to Cap^{t}. Thomas Gilbert.
„	63 „	1 „	4	to Robert Golding.
„	916 „	13 „	4	to James Macrae Esq^{re}.
„	183 „	6 „	8	to Cornelia Horden.
£	9321 „	5 „	$7\frac{3}{4}$	

14. Captain Stevens has paid into Cash 3000 Pagodoes Current on his privilege and 890 pag^{o}. Current on Acco^{t}. the Estate of Mr. Thomas Perry his Chief Mate.

SUPPLEMENT.

15. Ship George Captain Taylor arrived from Bencoolen the 23th Instant shall send copy of the Letter by her per next Ship.

16. They have received at Bencoolen Dollars 5733 : 1 : 46 on account of M^{r}. Michael Innes Estate, and Dollars 800. on account of Mr. Everests Estate and transferred them to Account Current Fort St. George, and they shall be wrote off to Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. London in the running Books to be paid Legal Claimants in England.

17. Have received per George 10 Chests Bullion upon the Companys Account.

18. Copy of M^{r}. Joseph Hurlocks Diary at Benjar is Enterd on Consultation 13th Instant.

19. Enclose Letter from S^{t}. David as to French ships.

20. The last Bales received from St. David Compleats the Tonnage of this Ship, all the Salt Petre and Pepper requested come at the low Freight. Invoice is Pag. 158709 : fa. 7 : ca. 65. St. Hellena Invoice pag. 437 : 33 : 26. Register of Diamonds per Wilmington pagodoes 950. and by this ship pag^{o}. 9790 : fa. 9 : ca. 34. Captain Stevens Manifest to pag^{o}. 6602 and Register of Bills for Coral pag^{o}. 16483 : 33 : 42.

21. Enclosed is an Acco^{t}. of Produce of Coral.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
CHARLES SIMPSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 1, 1739. RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN 13TH JULY, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, p. 262. (India office transcript)*].

Last was dated 26th September. Send this by a French ship to Advise the Godolphin arrived from China the 22th and Princess Mary from Bengal the 26th Dec^{r}.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
W^{M}. MONSON.
GEO: TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.
CHARLES SIMPSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 24, 1739. RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN 13TH JULY, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 263–268 (India office transcript)*].

1. Last was dated 1st Instant, Beaufort Saild 28th Sept^r. with a fine fair wind, doubt not will arrive for March Sale, the Rains set in the 1st October and held 16 days without intermission, had little wind.

2. Received 21st October the Companys Letter of the 7th April. Ship Anglesea was lost 23th July.

3. Reckon to see the Resolution at Madrass in May with a Loading of Pepper and a small ship building at Bombay for the West Coast.

4. The George has been repaired in Vizagapatam River and returned the 12th in a hard Gale of wind, shippd a great deal of Water and some Bales were damaged. A West Coast Sloop drove out of the Road and fell in with Porto Novo, expect her in a few days to proceed thither.

5. Agreed to send the Princess Mary to Fort St. Davids to be loaden home.

6. Captain Steward was allowed to land some tea in order to shift the Godolphin, and 40 ton Salt Petre was Shipt on his request reserving a Liberty of reckoning it into her Tonnage, having fallen short of Goods by extreme wet weather hindring Cloth to be cured and the Godolphin bringing only 1500 Pecul Tea.

7. Lead and Cotton per Godolphin Sold in China as computed, but the Tinn for Loss, Teutenague was bought cheaper than expected and shall be sent to Bengal Freight Free.

8. Quicksilver was not procurable at Canton even at 90 Tale the Pecul so that Gold was bought at a dearer rate which should have been 93 Touch but comes out 89 Touch only. Assay Pieces are sent.

9. If Pepper and Tin do not fall shall be Puzled to procure a proper Cargo for China, The French are Disappointed of the Profits expected by their China Voyage so hope they will not set another voyage on foot this year.

10. Cap^t. Westcott was at Gingam near Atcheen the 4th December.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

11. Godolphin was surveyed and the Cap^t. had proper Directions.

12. Lead per Princess Mary was ℔ 14.1. short of Invoice the number of Pigs was right.

13. Lowered the price of small Guns to 4 Pagodas per. ℔

14. Sold the 18th Instant 800 Candy Lead at Outcry for 12 pag^o. a Candy.

15. Have indented for 400 Ton Iron, the Manilla Ship wants yearly 100 Ton for kintlage, and those to Junkceylon, Mergy and Quedah demand it.

16. Shall send the Bullion and Rupees remaining to Bengal and procure a further supply on Manilla Ships arrival.

17. Lead per Godolphin deficient ℔ 8. 1. 12 and Tin ℔ 16. 2. 15 the Freighters of Royal Guardian lost 5 per cent on Tins weight.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

18. S^t. David cou'd not wash 100 Bales Salem Cloth as the Washers had more Cloth than could cure in Time.

19. A Merchant Advanced some Money a little to the Northward of Madrass to get some Midling Cloth but it was such thin uneven stuff could not take it in.

20. Had great Disputes with the Merchants about Fine Goods, Its better for the Price than most of the other Sorts.

21. Kept up to usual strictness in Sorting without Advancing the Prices in common sorts whereby the Merchants are slow in bringing them in.

22. Thirty Bales Sallampores is all the Vizagapatam Investment this year, the George brought 200 Bales from Ingeram. Mr. Goddard has 200 Bales ready at Maddapollam, if it arrives may be able to compleat the Godolphins Tonnage in Bales but shall not keep her late for it.

23. St. David Merchants complain of Losses by Investment to the amount of above 5700 Pagodoes. Their deserting the Service a wrong method to move Compassion, their Acco^{ts}. are Enterd.

24. Cannot learn the Danes had any Goods ready for a Ship, they have not Double Stock.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

25. All agree the Persians are Encamped within a few days March of Dilly and may enter it when they please.

26. The Governours of that Province are more Concerned about their own Quarrells than what may happen above.

27. The French take no steps to take possession of Caracal.

28. Had a great deal of rain every full and New Moon which has done great Service to the Countrey, all the Tanks are full and the Ground loaded with Grain, the Price depends on the Wills of their Avaricious Governours.

29. Have expended no more Rice or Paddy than was Necessary for the Garrisons use, the Price is fallen considerably shall sell off the Lyells it being Touch'd with the Fly.

30. The Portugueze Ship of which M^{r}. Milner is Supra Cargo, is now at Pondicherry and will load for Europe at Porto Novo 500 Bales.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

31. Some Thousand Houses of the Natives have been Washed down by the great Rains in the Suburbs and many Brick ones damaged within the Walls.

32. A General Survey of all Buildings is necessary, the old Powder House fell to the Ground shall be obliged to rebuild the whole, have fixed on a Spot less subject to Accidents per Consultation 13th November, the Powder Magazine which cost Pago.
5442. 32. 15 was originally designed both for keeping and making Powder but the Top blew off and wounded several People.

33. Advanced the Paymaster 300 Pagodoes out of the Town Duty to repair roads &c^{a}.

34. Arrack Duty at S^{t}. David is lett for Pago 800 per annum for 2 years. All repairs there are finished at 71 pag^{o}. only more than Estimate.

35. Hodjee Addy returns thanks for the Companys favour, the like was granted to others formerly, he is so hurt by Trade it will not serve him.

36. A State of Revenues is Entered on Consultation the 11th January, believe they will mount again next year but the Godolphins China Cargo goes to the Bay.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS.

37. The Ten Sailors per Wager not caring to List as Soldiers are sent to Tellicherry.

38. M^{r}. Robert Cæsar, Writer, dyed 28th. September at Fort S^{t}. Davids so poor that what he left will not pay his debts.

39. Mr. Samuel Harrison is Mayor and Mr. George Torriano Sheriff.

40. Mr. Sanderson is arrived from Vizagapatam and granted his desire to stay at Madrass, Mr. Charles Simpson is appointed Chief at Vizagapatam, shall send by him pag° 20000 to supply Injeram and Maddapollam.

41. Mr. William Martin goes home for his Health, if he recovers hope he may return (He dyed in London, 1739).

42. List of Servants is very small, and must request a supply of Hands such as may be real Assistants.

43. Mr. Benjamin Dennis having lost his memory and become Lunatick goes home on the Godolphin, A Dispute has hap'ned about the care of his Effects, A Stated Case enclosed is referred to Lawyers.

44. Mr. Thomas Saunders the only one come of Age, has signed his Covenants which come in the Godolphin packet.

45. Mr. Jonathan Smart Resident at Pegu desires his Wife and Family may come out to him who behaves well.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

46. Bills of Exchange drawn are to a considerable amount as advised in the Postscript, among 'em is one for pag° 30000 to Mr. Pitt for the reasons given in a former Letter, Ballance of Cash is pag° 174892. fa. 6. ca 23. Current and Madrass Pagodas 45580 in all pag° 220472. fa. 6. ca. 23. being pag° 20000 more than on Dispatch of the Royal Guardian which was entirely gone in August, hope it will be Approved and those for Mr. Braddyll and Mr. Wake.

47. Gave Mr. Morse a Certificate for 454 Current Pagodas Account Mr. Perry deceased.

EIGHTHLY WEST COAST.

48. Are preparing to send the George thither with Wares and Stores and Timber work for Moco Moco Factory.

49. Coffrees are greatly wanted to carry on Business there, dont expect any from Bombay.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.
CHARLES SIMPSON.

POSTSCRIPT.

Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange viz^{t}.: at s. 7. d. 8. a Pagoda.

		s.	d.	qrs.		
£	505	11	11	3	...	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
,,	384	8	3	2	...	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	307	5	5		...	Ditto.
,,	188	10	9		...	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
,,	274	15	1		...	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	373	2	4	3	...	
,,	628	2	9	3	...	
,,	201	14	5	3	...	
,,	185	—	5	1	...	
,,	324	14	7	2	...	
,,	714	8	6	2	...	Isaac Salvador.
,,	335	16	—	1	...	
,,	276	—	11	2	...	
,,	384	7	3	2	...	
,,	528	3	3	3	...	
,,	1765	12	4	3	...	
,,	162	—	8	2	...	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	148	18	1		...	
,,	171	14	6	2	...	
,,	248	4	10	3	...	Jacob Fernandes Nunes
,,	431	12	3	1	...	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	1028	10	—	2	...	Anthony Da Costa.
,,	308	17	5		...	Ditto.
,,	233	6	10	3	...	Natal Levi Sonsino.
,,	411	6	5	1	...	
,,	419	12	9	2	...	
,,	680	13	2	3	...	
,,	464	3	7	3	...	
,,	906	1	11		...	
,,	677	12	8		...	John, Anthony & Henry Loubier.
,,	276	13	10	2	...	& James Tessier.
,,	554	16	5	2	...	Jacob Dias.
,,	396	3	7	2	...	
,,	167	4	1		...	
,,	116	9	6	2	...	
,,	391	8	6		...	James Porten.
,,	312	1	8	3	...	
,,	112	—	4	1	...	
,,	101	17	7	2	...	Alvaro Lopez Suasso.
,,	111	13	11	2	...	Judah Supino & Son
,,	113	11	1	3	...	
,,	111	17	7		...	
,,	257	3	10	2	...	
,,	327	8	9	3	...	
,,	94	13	—	2	...	payable to Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
,,	463	18	9	3	...	Jacob Dias & Abraham Fernandes Nunes.
,,	383	6	8		...	Abram & Jacob Franco.
,,	203	16	8		...	
,,	68	7	7	1	...	Eleazar Isaac Levi.
,,	40	9	1	1	...	John Henry Merttins.
,,	549	16	5	1	...	Jacob de Moses Franco.
,,	470	8	2	2	...	
,,	287	14	6	2	...	

		s.	d.	qrs.		
£	785	—	10		...	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
,,	416	6	3		...	
,,	157	7	7	1	...	David Gomez Serra.
,,	129	17	11		...	
,,	78	2	11	1	...	...
,,	534	2	9	1	...	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	287	3	2	3	...	
,,	132	14	5	2	...	
,,	447	8	8		...	
,,	11500	—	—		...	George Morton Pitt Esq.
,,	4000	—	—		...	Ditto Acco^{t}. of the Estate of John Goulding deceased.
,,	50	—	—		...	Martha Simpson.
,,	100	—	—		...	Charles Benyon.
,,	22	8	—		...	Ann Michell.
,,	100	—	—		..	Richard Wyatt.
,,	100	—	—		...	Joseph Godfrey.
,,	100	—	—		...	Cap^{t}. John Mackmath.
,,	500	—	—		.	William Martin.
,,	2178	—	6		...	Thomas Weston.
,,	766	13	4		...	Edm^{d}. & Jos. Godfrey Acco^{t}. Estate Thomas Day deceased.
,,	251	7	—	3	...	John Goddard acco^{t}. the Orphans of Rob^{t}. Symonds dec^{d}.
,,	120	—	—		...	Elizabeth Torriano.
,,	57	10	—		...	Joshua & George Savage.
,,	131	5	11	1	...	Sam^{l}. Sharp Acco^{t}. Estate of Rob^{t}. Brooke deceased.
,,	50	—	—		...	Margaret Graham.
,,	50	—	—		...	John Emmerson & Duncan Munro.
,,	64	8	—		...	Alexander & George Ouchterlony.
,,	115	—	—		...	John Stratton.
,,	76	10	10	3	...	Alexander Ouchterlony.
,,	3275	6	10		...	John Whichcott & William Turner.
,,	100	—	—		...	Charles Benyon.
,,	431	14	9		...	Edward Crispe.
,,	175	12	8		...	Gabriel Hanger.
,,	300	—	—		...	Charles Benyon.
,,	85	1	4		...	Cap^{t}. W^{m}. Wells.
,,	230	5	4		...	Peter Hinde.
,,	1833	6	8		...	William Spinckes Esq^{re}.
,,	229	3	4		...	Heron Hart Acco^{t}. Estate of W^{m}. Andrews deceased.
,,	733	6	8		...	Thomas Hall & W^{m}. Wood.
,,	707	13	4		...	James Macrae.
,,	204	13	3		...	Ralph Whistler & Geo. Baker.
,,	200	—	—		...	Hugh Watson.
,,	151	4	—		..	Alex^{r}. & Geo. Ouchterlony Acco^{t}. Estate Andrew Douglas.
,,	183	6	8		...	Claud Johnson.
£	51725	6	7	¾		

R. Benyon.
R. Fowke.
&c^{a}.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 27, 1739. RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN, 13TH JULY 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, P. 269. (India Office transcript)*].

1. General Advices were closed the 24th Instant to send them by the Princess Mary from Fort St. David.

2. Took in 136 Bales Midling Long Cloth that would not Sort to N°. 2 at Pag°. 3½ per Corge less than that Number. Its marked with a ⊢⊣

3. Send 140 Pieces fine Bettellees exceeding good and 400 Ps. Fine blue Romals for a Tryal both made in the New Petta.

4. Sent some Dimities per Beaufort which is better than Royal Guardians promised to make an allowance having kept no Muster. Send per Godolphin 2 Bales St. David Dimities at 5¼ Pag°. per Piece not so good as those made at Madrass.

5. Francis Aikman lost his hearing returns on Godol[n].

6. The Ship Penha from Macao w[ch]. they believed was lost Arrived from Mergy this Morning with 5000 Pecul Teutenague.

7. Captain Steward has paid 6000 Current Pagodas into Cash his Register of Private Trade is 16434 Tale : 1.

8. The Invoice of the Godolphin amounts to 107659 Pag°. 4. 40. to St. Hellena 333 Pag°. 10. Register of Diamonds 21711. 24. 73.

9. Acco[t]. of Produce Coral comes in the Packet.

10. Ballance of Cash is Current Pagodas 180892. 6. 23.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.
CHARLES SIMPSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 2, 1739. RECEIVED VIA FRANCE 22TH MAY, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, P. 289. (India office transcript)*].

Ship Shaftesbury Arrived 28th May. The Duke Lorrain Anchor'd at Pulliacat 5th June in a very Melancholy condition having buried the Chief Mate and 20 Men, and so many were down of the Scurvy they could not Weigh her Anchor, 60 Hands in a Sloop were sent to assist her and she arrived at Madrass the 11th June and sailed [for] China 14th July Consigned to Captain William Crompton and Mr. Charles Beard.

Ships Normanton and Grantham arrived 20th July and the Somerset last Night.

Could not hope to load a Ship before the end of October too late for the March Sale so keep what Bales they have till January.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1739. RECEIVED VIA FRANCE 22TH MAY, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol.* 4, *pp. 289–290. (India office transcript)*].

Ship Warwick arrived the 7th August, and the Richmond to their great Surprize on the 10th Instant so Sickly that Captain Weston hired Lascars to assist in carrying her to the Bay whether he sailed this Evening.

The Shaftsbury sailed for Bengal the 23th July, Somersett the 12th August, Warwick 18th, Grantham and Normanton 27th August. The Lynn that arrived the 15th August Sailed for the Bay 2d Instant.

The 26th August the Arlington a Countrey Ship arrived from Bengal and brought the following Melancholy Advices viz^{t}. A Storm came on the 29th May in that river the Ship Resolution Captain Bagwell was then at Anchor between the Braces and was seen the 31th by a Sloop there but the Wind continuing to Blow very hard that Night, the Sloop parted her Cables and drove to Sea since which to the 7th August the Resolution and Prince of Orange a Countrey Ship have not been heard of, nor a French Ship returned from Manilla.

The Wakefield of Madrass with a considerable Freight of Mony belonging chiefly to Armenians was broke to Pieces.

The Philibert a French Europe Ship was lost on the Long Sand by a mistake of the Pylot 3 or 4 days before the Storm, its said 12 Laack Rupees were aboard, not above 30000 Rupees saved.

The Resolution took in at Madrass only about 30 Ton of Redwood for the Company.

The Pegu Merchant of Madras was lost the end of June on Point Palmeiras and the St. Juan, Richard Bourchier Master was lost in going up Bengal River, People and Money were saved out of both, on the last the Company lost about 30 Ton Redwood.

The Galatea arrived 8th August from Benjar. She left Ships Walpole and Marlborough there the 14th June, the first would not get a full loading of Pepper and the last was to wait for the Second Crop and wou'd not get away till November.

Imaum Sahib sent Advice last Month that the Morattas designed to come into those parts with an Army of 50000 Men of their best Troops and that it was not to be doubted they wou'd visit the Sea Ports, So have put their works in the best repair possible but want Men.

The Morattas have not yet finished their War wth. the Portugueze so hope they will at least for some time keep on the other side of India.

Ship George arrived 15th Instant from Bencoolen where the Britannia Captain Somner arrived 13th July the Augusta Captain Townshend passd Batavia in that Month in her way to China.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 15, 1740. RECEIVED PER SHAFTESBURY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 291–298. (India office transcript)*].

1. Last was dated 20th September via Pondicherry.

2. Shall now reply to the Companys Commands.

3. Ship Princess Mary sail'd from St. David 27th January and Godolphin 28th from Madras.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

4. Ship Duke Lorrain carried only Sandall and Redwood bo^{t}. there, Tinn was too dear. The Company only Concerned in the Voyage. The best way of carrying on the Trade to China is for a Ship to bring Pepper, Sandallwood and Cotton from the Mallabar Coast, Tinn and other proper Goods may be taken in by her at Madras.

5. By which means it will not be worth the French and Macao Ships while to carry it on.

6. Consented to Captain Cromptons taking one M^{r}. Geddes Chief Mate and sold the Captain 2850 Pagodas worth of Silver at dollars 14¾.

7. Sent a small Sloop 11th February to the West Coast of 13 Tons the Hawk.

8. Another Sloop for that service of about 160 Tons Arrived from Pegue, Both are so dear shall in future desire 'em to be built at Bombay.

9. Pegu Governments Impositions are very great. The said Sloop is called the Carolina and sail'd 1st October for West Coast.

10. The Ship Princess Augusta of 230 Tons Arrived from Bombay 7th May sent her to St. David, Vizagapatam and Bengal for Bales and Stores. Must be Sheathed in Bengal.

11. Ship George arrived 15th September from Marlbro' since has bro^{t}. Bales from the Northward.

12. In April received Salt Petre by two Sloops, sent 'em back with Treasure to Bengal.

13. The Ship Sea Horse with 10000 Pagodas aboard was near sinking so put in at Ganjam, landed the Treasure and the Money got safe to Vizagapatam.

14. Were not able to dispatch a Ship in September so wrote to Bengal for Tonnage of 2400 Bales.

15. Ship Normanton arrived from thence 22th Dec^{r}. and Shaftesbury the 27th the last will fill up at St. David.

16. Bombay will advise the last sad Fate of the Sussex.

17. Ships and Vessels shall be Employed advantagiously for the Company.

18. Shall regard Orders as to ship wrecked Seamen.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

19. Tutenague per Godolphin was sent to Bengal the Voyage should have Credit according to its Sale.

20. Having a large Cash Bought One Hundred thousand Arcot Rupees in February and in April fifty thousand Pagodoes worth of Silver out of Manilla Ships and sent it all to the Bay which reduced the Cash in June to 7000 Pagodas So some Silver was sold at the same price. Refuse no Money for Bills Bengal wanting a further supply.

21. George brought 10 Chests Treasure from the West Coast.

22. Sent Bullion by the first Ship to Bengal.

23. Cannot draw out a Price Current with any Certainty of Goods brought in Private Trade.

Pag°.

24. Sold 20 August 400 Candy Lead at 11 : 21 : 30 per Candy and 2 Bales dyed and Culjeed Flannels at above 100 per cent advance at 8^{s}. a Pagoda and the Madeira Wine per Lynn for Pag°. 61 : 25 : 70. Three Pipes lost by Leakages, 100 Pipes annually will answer.

Pag°.

25. Sold 17 May 400 Candy lead at 11. 17. 35 per Candy and 150 at 12 Pag°. and 100 at $11\frac{3}{4}$ in July. Have Indented for 1500 Candy.

26. Sold most of the Iron at 10 Pag°.

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27. Received per Galatea from Benjar 29. 15. 14. Lead.

28. The Buyers were taken wth. a New Thing in the Flannels, some in Private Trade afterwards would not sell near so well.

29. French yellows are not liked at Arcot so well as the Common sort.

30. Mast and Yards from Pegue so heavy they tear the rigging. Indent for Stores by real Wants and Consumption. Have not 600 Good Arms in the Garrison.

31. Never heard of Steel being bought at a different weight from other Goods the Capta^{s}. or Servants in the Storehouse have taken the advantage.

32. Decayed Wares and Stores were sold at Outcry.

33. There were several short deliverys from the Ships as particularized.

34. Russia Duck is preferred to British Sail Cloth, thô the latter is better and more substantial.

35. Popinjay Embossed Cloth is better liked than the Emerald Green.

36. An Error in the Invoice of Medicines per Lynn is rectified.

37. All the Broad Cloth that came out in 1738 and 200 Bales remains of 1737 were sold to Molinga Kistna & Company to be paid for in April. The Town is barely clear of the large Parcels w^{ch}. came out six years ago that ever since continued a dead weight on all that Arrived, Since Indent for no more than 400 Bales. The sale is not to be forced and Profits of Merchants believe are no more than would be proposed if purchased at Outcry.

38. Silver when coined into Arcot Rupees yields a profit of $1\frac{6913}{10000}$ per cent more than in Madras Rupees. Wrote about it to Bengal. Desire Directions may be discretional.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

39. Merchants have been Loosers by Callico Contracts for several years so that none would engage at the old Prices. Finding that St. David had Enlarged the Quantity of Cloth by Employing their Merchants as Brokers only So engaged the Madrass Merchants in the same Method who are to give a Faithful Acco^{t}. of the Cost, Run the risque of the Money and Goods and to be allowed one Pagoda per Corge for Ordinary and Midling and $1\frac{3}{4}$ on the Fine Longcloth.

40. Have Agreed to accept of 5000 Pag°. per annum of Tomby Chittys Set till their Debt is paid off.

41. Have Engaged a Merchant to provide the Super Fine Long Cloth, Oringal, Pulliacat and 3 Covid Bettellees and the Morees on Brokerage.

42. The French neither regard Lengths nor Breadths.

43. Have ordered some Fine Long Cloths from St. David.

44. A few Chay Goods are contracted for, Soot Romals orderd to be fifteen in a piece.

45. Obliged to advance 9 fanams per Candy in the Redwoods price.

46. And 5 pagodas per Corge to Painters for Chints being fuller.

47. Have received 407 Bales from Maddapollam most of it brown.

48. From Imgeram 409 and from Vizagapatam 341. The Nabobs there Impeed the Currency of Madrass Pag[o]das.

49. Sending Servants to the Southward would be attended with no good consequence and all other European Nations wou'd follow.

50. Whoever carrys ready Money to Porto Novo will have Goods.

51. Weavers are got into so loose a Manufacture very little of what is brought for Midling is fit to be taken in.

52. Merchants are pressed to bring in more of the Ordnary. Turn out none but what is worse than a No. 4. When contracted by Numbers had nine Sortments from No. 1. Salem to No. 3. Ordnary viz^{t}. Salem Worriarpollam and Ordinary, of each 3 Nos. In the Method now engaged in have a No. 4 of each.

53. The Dutch at Bimlepatam are but a very few Miles to the Northward of Vizagapatam and make a very large Investment, and the French at Yannam have bought one hundred thousand Pagodas worth of Cloth which affects Ingeram and Vizagapatam too.

54. Pegue Salt Petre wasts five parts in eight—Coja Simon is to bring another parcel which shall be tryed.

FOURTHLY, TRADE OF INDIA.

55. Trade to Bussero so bad have sent no Ship thither. Acco.^{ts} of Ship Royal Guardian's Voyage sent Enclosed. The Godolphon and Duke Lorrain went entirely on the Companys Account. In Consultation 3d July Mr. Burton proposed to detain a Ship bound to Macao, Reasons for not doing it are therein enter'd.

56. Those Ships that arrived safe from Bengal had no reason to Boast of their Profits. Bussero and Mocha Markets are vastly Overstocked. Judda Ship left much of her Cargo behind. Surrat Voyage did not give Interest for their Money. The Rice Trade is now quite over it being from 30 to 40 pagodas per Garce.

57. Trade this year consists of a Ship to Manilla, One to Malacca, 2 to Persia, and 1 to Surrat. Shall send another to Manilha.

58. Angria is out at Sea and has taken two Bombay Vessels.

59. Thomas Cooley Cawn now called Shaw Nadir march'd with his Army to Dilly and engaged with the Moguls, the latter lost one principal Com^{r}. and another Deserted. The two Armies retired and thereupon the Mogul Surrendred himself a Prisoner and Shaw Nadir took possession of the Gov^{t}. which he shortly after restored to Mahomud Shaw but Carried with him eighty three Carrore of Rupees in Money.

60. An Invasion is said to be designed by the Morattas into those Parts so put themselves into the best posture of defence. Carried on the Wall from Queens Point to Caldera Point along the River, shall proceed next on that from New Point to the Blockhouse. Have made many Gun carriages New and Repaired others. Have enter'd a Number of Topasses. At St. Davids orderd a New Work between the North East Point of Cuddalore and the River. Are in great want of Arms and hope for a Supply.

61. Subderally Cawn designing to pass close by St. David Bounds picked up some few things as Presents for him.

62. Made some new Regulations to prevent the adulterating Pagodoes in Consultation 2d April.

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

63. At Vizagapatam the fortifications and Gun Carriages are in a bad Condition, directed 'em to be put in order.

64. The Garden House there brought for the Company for 500 Pagodas. Repairs will be 100 more, the Great Moors and Gentues received there.

65. Have begun to work at the New Powder House w^{ch}. is Compleated.

66. Several Mettahs and Warehouses are repaired.

67. Lodgings, Gates and Barracks also repaired. A Powder Magazine is ordered to be erected at St. Davids.

68. Ruby Brokerage and the Fishery are let at the former rates, but the variable revenues are much decreased.

69. Shall obey orders as to Rice Duty.

70. So many had lost their original Titles have proceeded no further in Survey of the Bounds, but Confirmed the Possessors

71. A small seizure was made at the Choultry.

72. Have been at no Charge as to Cotton brought in to the New Pettah.

73. Turned out the Mint Braminies and Goldsmiths for Tricks. Engaged in their room wth. Linga Chitty for one year.

SIXTHLY, COVENANT SERVANTS.

74. Mr. Simpson went 14th February as Chief to Vizagapatam.

75. Mr. Richard Prince was sent to reside at Ingeram.

76. Mr. Edward Harris is returned to St. David.

77. Mr. Edward Michell is placed uuder the Export Warehousekeeper.

78. Mr. Wm. Gibson Surgeon at Vizagapatam is the only Servant who Dyed this year. 232 Pagodas paid into Cash Acco^{t}. the Estate Legh Denny, and 280 Pagodas on acco^{t}. the Estate of Mr. Robert Caesar, all Demands on them are cleared in India.

79. The President being laid up with sore eyes for several Months prevented the Consultations being regularly signed.

80. Lieutenant Amyand is not prejudiced in his standing by being Stationed at St. David. Lieutenant Morgan is Senior to him.

81. Are in great want of servants, there are but 16 under Council at Madrass, 2 at St. David, and I at Maddapollam under the Resident. The Number they ought to have to carry on business is viz.:

1. Secretary.
1. Assay Master.
4. Under the Accountant.
2. Under the Export Warehousekeeper.
3. Under Sea Customer.
1. Under Paymaster.
1. Under Land Customer.
1. Under Import Warehousekeeper.
2. Under Storekeeper.
1. Under Rentall General and Scavinger.
5. Under Secretary.
4. Under the Council at Fort St. David.
2. Councillors
1. Secretary
} at Vizagapatam.
2. Assistants at Ingeram.
2. Assistants at Maddapollam.

33 in all. Request therefore a good Number and among 'em Two or Three capable Accountants.

82. The established Number of 204 Europeans in Garrison is not sufficient, therefore hope for large Recruits.

83. Allowd 2 pagodoes a Month to maintain a soldier's Child.

84. Discontinued the allowance to Lieutenant Hornes Wife on his death.

85. A Demand made from Bengal on Cap^{t}. Joyes Esatate of rup. 207 : an. 12.

86. Upon an action brought by Mr. John Sanderson ag^{t}. the Presidents Dubash, The President laid before the Council a Narrative of some facts and Confirmed the same on Oath.

87. A Paper was delivered into Council the 8th Inst^{a}. and sworn to by Mr. Sanderson.

88. Request that St. Helena may not be suffer'd to permit needy Persons coming thence into India.

89. Mr. Sanderson has quitted the service and takes passage on the Normanton, as does Mr. William Boothby on the Shaftesbury.

SEVENTHLY, OF ACCOUNTS.

90. Three keys are put on Treasury and three keys on Cash Chest.

91. The Bills of Exchange drawn being pretty numerous the List of 'em will be inserted in a Postcript. Have Granted Certificates for 863 Pagodoes on Acco^{t}. the Estate of Mr. John Lardner deceased, and for 3000 pag^{o}. to Captain Kemeys.

EIGHTHLY OF THE WEST COAST.

92. Produce of Pepper is so considerable that the Britannia and Somerset will be Dispatched wth. full Ladings.

93. The Marlbrô was expected from Benjar at West Coast in September. Mr. Hurlock spared the Walpole all the pepper he had procured.

94. They are in great want of Slaves at out Settlements and to carry on Buildings.

95. Design the ship George thither in 10 days.

SUPPLEMENT.

96. Have received advice of a storm on Mallabar Coast 10th November wherein a Galley and two Grabs founder'd. The Morattas have Enterd Caurapa w^{ch}. borders on that Province.

97. The French were permitted to land at Karacal and Settle.

98. Indent for 50 Bales more of Blue and Yellow Cloths than mentioned before.

99. Fort St. David Packet brings the Shaftesburys Invoice &c^{a}. papers.

100. Amo^{t}. of Normantons Inv^{o}. mentioned hereafter.

101. Register of Gold, Diamonds and Precious Stones per Shaftesbury amounts to Pag^{o}. 27641. 25. 67. That per Normanton to 48883: 26: 17. Cap^{t}. Kemeys Private Trade to 240 Pagodas.

102. Produce of Coral enclosed.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUG^{s}. BURTON OBJECTS TO 4TH 55TH & 80TH PAR^{AS}.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WM. MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Bills of Exchange drawn on the Company by the Ships Shaftesbury and Normanton are viz^{t}.

At 7. 8d. per Pagoda.

		s.	d.	qrs.	
£	513	7	8	2	payable to Abrām and Jacob Franco.
,,	881	5	11	2	Ditto.
,,	526	14	7	1	Thomas Godfrey.
,,	103	12	3	—	Moses Henriques Julian Jun^{r}.
,,	513	16	4	3	Jn^{o}. Ant^{o}. & Henry Loubier and James Tessier.
,,	521	4	—	—	Ditto.
,,	1041	19	10	2	Ditto.
,,	1327	7	8	—	Alvaro Lopez Suasso.
,,	92	4	6	1	Ditto.
,,	493	11	—	2	Ditto.
,,	148	4	4	3	Jacob Dias.
,,	79	8	1	—	Ditto.
,,	213	—	10	1	Ditto.
,,	587	18	7	3	Isaac Salvador.
,,	181	18	9	2	Ditto.
,,	1156	14	11	3	Ditto.
,,	2009	14	5	—	Ditto.
,,	1042	15	9	1	Anthony Da Costa.
,,	724	12	10	3	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	448	7	5	2	Ditto.
,,	240	4	9	1	Ditto.
,,	811	7	5	3	Ditto.
,,	401	3	1	3	Ditto.
,,	825	4	11	1	Ditto.
,,	519	5	11	—	Anthony Da Costa.
,,	981	5	1	—	James Porten.
,,	879	11	8	1	Lewis Mendes.
,,	514	15	8	3	Ditto.
,,	333	4	10	2	Peter Meyor and Company.
,,	117	14	5	1	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	153	16	6	3	Ditto.
,,	33	6	7	2	Ditto.
,,	20	19	9	3	Ditto.
,,	128	13	6	3	Ditto.
,,	242	2	7	—	Ditto.
,,	140	14	1	1	Ditto.
,,	105	13	11	3	Joseph Dias & Abrām Fernandes Nunes.
,,	55	19	7	3	Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
,,	380	—	6	—	Ditto.
,,	108	14	1	1	Judah Supino and Son.
,,	344	9	10	2	Ditto.
,,	7666	13	4	—	George Morton Pitt Esq.
,,	444	5	8	—	James Colebrook Esq.
,,	23	—	—	—	Ann Caverley.
,,	766	13	4	—	John Hubbard.
,,	200	—	—	—	John Stratton.
,,	60	—	—	—	Alexander & George Ouchterlony.
,,	2448	5	9	3	Ditto Acco^{t}. the Estate of Major David Wilson.
,,	100	—	—	—	Nathaniel Torriano.
,,	1916	13	4	—	John Sanderson.
,,	1136	—	11	3	George Morton Pitt Esq.

		s.	d.	qrs.	
£	50	—	—	—	Martha Simpson.
,,	38	6	8	—	John Starke.
,,	383	6	8	—	Richard Wyatt.
,,	47	1	—	1	John Bateman.
,,	1150	—	—	—	Thomas Hall Esq. Acco[t]. Estate Major John Roach.
,,	306	13	4	—	Mary Bird Acco[t]. Estate Grantham Bird.
,,	376	17	11	2	William Martin.
,,	139	17	8	1	John Acton.

s. d.
At 7. 4. a Pagoda.

		s.	d.	qrs.	
£	1833	6	8	—	Monsieur Dumas.
,,	1833	6	8	—	Ditto.
,,	1833	6	8	—	Ditto.
,,	1833	6	8	—	Ditto.
,,	197	9	4	2	John Whichcott & Will. Turner.
,,	394	4	9	2	Ann Caverley.
,,	20	—	—	—	Dorothy Cornwall.
,,	60	—	—	—	Catherine Cotton.
,,	1269	—	6	3	William Spinks.
,,	400	—	—	—	Charles Benyon.
,,	100	—	—	—	Nathaniel Torriano.
,,	49	17	8	3	Henrietta Arabin Champers Acco[t]. And: Pechiers Estate.
,,	529	6	1	2	W[m]. Colegrave or to recover of John Scattergoods Estate.
,,	80	—	—	—	Edmund Boheim.
,,	241	4	11	3	Ralph Whistler.
,,	56	9	4	—	Margaret Addams.
,,	2927	—	7	2	Charles Gray.
,,	286	—	—	—	James Fordham.
,,	10000	—	—	—	James Neville.
,,	36	13	4	—	Nathaniel Newnham Jun[r].
,,	366	13	4	—	Hugh Watson.
,,	183	6	8	—	Claud Johnson.
,,	84	19	6	1	John Lightfoot.
In all £	61815	18	1		

For which have received into Cash Curr[s]. Pag[o]. 164177 : fa. 26 : ca. 45.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Aug[s]. Burton.
Nich[s]. Morse.
W[m]. Monson.
George Torriano.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 17, 1740. RECEIVED PER DUKE LORRAIN 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, p. 298. (India office transcript)*].

This by the Normanton is to advise that the Chay Goods coming brown cannot now be sent, 700 Bettellees Oringal bro^{t}. in so far short of Muster that resolved to turn 'em out, as also 800 small white Ginghams.

After the Normanton and Shaftesbury are Dispatched shall have 1700 Bales in Warehouse.

Have received the further sum of pag^{o}. 44 : fa. 8 : ca. 20. Acco^{t}. the Estate of M^{r}. Robert Caesar.

The Normantons Invoice amo^{ts}. to pag^{o}. 57776 : fan. 15 : Cash. 39.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUG^{s}. BURTON.
NIC : MORSE.
W. MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1740. RECEIVED PER DUKE LORRAIN 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 299–300. (India office transcript)*].

1. Ship Normanton Sailed 18th January, and Shaftesbury the 21th.

2. The Companys own Ship the Princess Augusta arrived from Bengal 22th January wth. 1000 Bags Salt Petre and 414 Bales for Europe, 600 Bales Goods more intended 'em by the Sloops.

3. 23th January Ship Duke Lorrain arrived from China, her Acco^{ts}. are enclosed. Shall as opportunity offers purchase proper Goods for that Voyage, this year wth. some Tinn.

4. Having a Number of Bales on hand have kept 374 Chests Duke Lorrains Bohea Tea on shore till Sept^{r}.

5. 28th January ship George sailed for the West Coast.

6. Sent to the Bay this Month by sundry Vessels 22 Chests Bullion 28 Chests rupees and 672 Candy Teutenague.

7. Had no News at Tellicherry 18th January of missing Vessels.

8. Sold 500 Candy Lead at Outcry 18 January for pag. 11 : fa. 27 : ca. 72. per Candy.

9. There being a great want of fanams, Coined the value of pag. 14772 : fa. 2 : ca. 65. into Fannams whereby the Company gained pag^{o}. 567 : fa. 33 : ca. 65.

10. Bought 130 Garce of Paddy at 22 Pagodas per Garce for the Garrison Store, though its scarce to the southward Its cheap at present at Madrass, and think of purchasing a large quantity.

11. The Chay Goods come by this ship are dearer but better by the brightness of Colour. A Bale of fine Dimities comes also.

12. Five Bales Midling Sannoes per Shaftesbury are all White instead of Painted as Invoiced by Mistake.

13. After the Duke Lorrain has taken in her Tonnage shall have in the Warehouse, Washers and Brown in the Merchants Godowns 1000 Bales. They have at

S[t]. David 600. 374 Chests Duke Lorrains Tea equal to 550. Have received from Bengal 414 Bales Expect 'em to be made 1000. In all 3150. Ready to dispatch two ships at least by the 1st Sept[r]. next, besides w[ch]. St. David Merchants propose to bring in 3000 Bales by January.

14. The Nabobs son passing near St. David two [of the] Council waited on him with a present of 632 : 1 : 46.

15. Mr. Cornelius Godwin is Sub Accomptant. Mr. Thomas Saunders sent Second at Vizagapatam.

16. Duke Lorrains Gold Assay'd and reported 31 ult[o]. Musters sent.

17. A Deficiency Ca. 17 : m. 1 : v. 7. Teutenague referrd to the Company.

18. Have drawn Bills of Exchange, viz. : at 7s. 8d. for

£	299	—	—	payable to John Sanderson.
,,	200	—	—	Jonn Stratton.
	at 7s. 4d.			
,,	212	—	—	Thomas Hall & Wm. Wood.
,,	153	7	—	Heron Hart.
£	864	7	—	

19. Have received of Captain Crompton Pago. 17617 : fana. 27 :
Acco[t]. Adventure 686 : 22 : 39
Acco[t]. the Estate of John Lardner for w[ch]. gave him Certificates.

20. Dispensed on Acco[t]. of Indisposition w[th]. Manifesting his Private Trade he promising to do it at St. Helena.

21. Ship Duke Lorrains Invoice amo[ts]. to Pagodoes. 125890 : 8 : 43. That to St. Helena 164 : 26 : 28. Register of Diamonds to 4218 : 23 : 30.

22. The Ship has been Surveyed, Wish her safe to England.

RICHARD BENYON.
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AUGUSTUS B[U]RTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1740. RECEIVED PER WILMINGTON 30TH JUNE [1741]. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 4, pp. 320–325 (India office transcript)*].

1. Wrote last the 19th February per Duke of Lorrain, have since received several Letters from the Company, shall defer a Reply and now give Account of Occurrences.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

2. The Royal Guardian anchored in Madras Road 3d April last, having fell to the eastward of Zeloan.

3. Drew out of the Anjengo Packet the Companys Letters to Madras and Bengal, sent the latter 8th April, and the 10th sent Peons to Advise Bombay &c[a]. Advised Cap[t]. Hoadly to land the Treasure, but did not order it, and it was not sent on shore.

4. At the desire of Bombay opened their packet and sent 'em copys of the Letter and other material papers.

5. Ordered Cap^{t}. Hoadly to send ashore 10 barrels Gunpowder and 8 Chest Fire Arms—returned the last on board on receiving a supply.

6. Ship Haeslingfield left Anjengo 22th February, and Harrington Tellicherry the 5th March.

7. Ship Prince William arrived 21th May having two hundred thousand rupees on board for the Bay, advised 'em of it, that Sloops might be sent to meet her.

8. Ordered on shore from her 18 Soldiers and Twenty Sailors for some time, the former very troublesome, she sailed 14th June, detained her till the New Moon was over, for better weather about the Point, gave each seaman two rupees gratuity, hope it will be approv'd.

9. Princess Wales, Captain Hoxton, arrived 12th June sailed for Bengal 1st July.

10. Wilmington arrived 15th June, advised Cap^{t}. Maddox that should Dispatch him for England by the 1st Sept^{r}. on a Defect in his Cutwater Captains Hoadly and Hoxton with their Carpenters Surveyed her. Refused Captain Maddox request to Weigh each Bag of Salt Petre Separately and to Weigh just two Maund. 50 Bales of Callicoes by this Ship were opened promiscuously to see if any Dammage.

11. Resolved to keep on Loading her with Bengal Goods and Tea till some other Ship arrived, and shipt as many Bales at half Freight as the Captain Requested for.

12. Princess Louisa arrived 12th August, Heathcote 15th, Colchester 18th, Hardwick 20th August, Princess Louisa sailed for the Bay 23th, sent by her 30 Ton Redwood and 10 Chests rupees, the Hardwick saild the 29th with the same silver and wood.

13. Mr. Waters borrowed thirty two thousand Spanish Dollars at Mocho of Mr. Cradock on Bond, which was discharged at Madrass at Mr. Waters request.

14. Three sloops arrived from Bengal in February with Bales, Petre, &c^{a}. and were soon returned wth. Teutenague and Treasure.

15. The Princess Augusta arrived thence 22th April with more Bales and Petre and went back 15th May with Redwood.

16. Sent the Bermuda Sloop with her.

17. Ship George arrived from Bencoolen at S^{t}. David 13th July, brought Bales thence twice and Dispatchd to Vizagapatam the 30th July to lye there till December.

18. Ship Somerset springing a Leake was refitted at Batavia.

19. Sloop Caroline is too sharp built for the West Coast Service.

Secondly, Goods from Europe.

20. Sent to Bengal in February 238919 Rupees & 74073 Ounces *Bullion* which arrived safe, as did all the Teutenague, 51¼ maund wanting per Princess Augusta which shall be settled.

21. Sent on her 12 Bales Ordnary Popinja Cloth to the Bay by request.

22. By the Jenny sent also one hundred sixty thousand rupees.

23. The George brought ten Chests Silver from Bencoolen.

24. So many bad Pagodoes about and so difficult to find 'em out the poorer sort choose to be paid in Fanams so Coin'd a good many.

25. Have not trusted any Money in the Arcot Mint.

26. Coined 80 Chests Bullion, computed ⅓ of what designed them.

27. Sold 7th July 200 Candy Lead at Outcry for 12 pag^{o} : 15 fa : 15 ca. a Candy.

28. Merchants paid in 5th April 12[pago]50 on Acco[t]. Broad Cloth delivered them, but it all remains on hand in Town, the troubles in the Countrey having put on entire stop to all vent for it, otherwise a great deal more had been disposed of. Have 900 Bales in Warehouse, so cannot venture to make any Indent for Anno 1742.

29. Have wrote to Bengal that the Lead, Iron and Broad Cloth in the Durrington and Caesar may be disposed of there.

30. In Chest No. 913 per Colchester 9 lb. 8 oz Silver Over Weight, brought to Acco[t].

31. Before the Manilla Ship arrived, apprehended the Ships might be late from Europe, in which case should be streightened for Cash, obtaining Loans in Town wou'd be difficult, believe little Money will be offered for Bills, the Sale of Coral is affected by the Troubles, besides the returns are to be in Diamonds, if procurable.

32. List of Stores worn out and sold are entered on Consultation.

33. Bought Tin, Cotton with Putchuck and Olibanum from Bombay for a China Voyage amounting to 34[pag.]285 : 32[fa.] : 38[ca.] but the Company intending no Ship thither, the Putchuck was a year old when it arrived so delivered the said Goods to the Inhabitants at Prime Cost and rec[d]. the Amo[t]. 9th July. The Ship Augusta sail'd thither the 8th July but sprung a Leake that night and returned the 21th, A great Loss.

THIRDLY, OF INVESTMENTS.

34. Received from Bengal 881 Bales and 5480 Bags Salt Petre which with the Tea enabled them to give the Wilmington and Colchester what Bales the Captains will agree to take in at half Freight.

35. Were obliged to buy Packing Stuff in Town not being supplied from Bengal.

36. Agreed for Chay Goods 25th February, and 100 Pulliacat Handkerchiefs 23th June, the Chay Goods were brought by Mussoolas from Motopolee.

37. In March delivered Lists of Goods to Courrapa and the Managers of Chindadree Petta, but no Merchant will Contract for anything certain.

38. In June delivered the last mentioned a List of 1000 Coloured Ginghams and 500 Whites.

39. Sample of Soot Romals received from England sent to St. David.

40. St. David write that 1400 Bales only wou'd be ready by December, before the Troubles Cloth came in very briskly. The French were without Money the beginning of the year. By the Merchants Care they came off with very little Loss from the Troubles—10,000 Pagodas of theirs stopt at Woolendore were recovered by Force, the place was soon after plundered.

41. Gopall Chitty, a Merchant, dyed in June, his Father paid 3,000 Pagodoes in part of his Debt 11th August, the rest 2,000 Pagodoes will be made good in Cloth.

FOURTHLY, COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

42. The Morattas made a sudden March in April towards that Countrey. The Nabob with his youngest son were then at Arcot who set out for the Borders with only 2,000 Horse and 9,000 Peons, but the Foot are of no use against a Body of Horse. He Encamped at Canama the Pass at the Hills, where the Morattas mett him and found a way for 10,000 Horse thrô the Woods, and on the 9th May they appeared in the Nabobs rear who was immediately surrounded and Killed, the Morattas thereupon proclaimed that those who would fly should not be pursued. The Nabobs Son was also killed with several other Great Men. After plundering the Camp in which were several Laacks of Rupees, the Morattas marched into that Countrey, Plundered and Burnt Laula Petta and Arcot with other Towns. One Party Advanced within Few Hours March of Madrass. During these Ravages of

the Countrey Subderally Cawn, the late Nabobs Eldest Son, agreed by Treaty to pay the Morattas Thirty Eight laack of Rupees, And twelve Laack being paid in part, the Morattas went over the Hills and for Two Months have been plundering the Countrey to the Westward of that Province—Sixteen Laack are since paid.

43. Great Terror and Consternation spread all over the Countrey, Madrass was soon full of People who fled out of the Countrey.

44. Pondicherry was not less crowded. The Nabob sent the Ladies of his Family thither, and Emaum Sahib left his Lady there, and then went to secure the Treasures at Jehóre Bunder. His Lady somehow set fire to her Cloathes and, not permitting the French Doctors to come near her, Died in great Misery a few days after.

45. Large Treasures of a former Nabob were lodged at Jehore Bunder. Nazir Jung, Chicklis Cawns Son, Crossed the Kistna, but turned back and fixed his Camp at Golcondah, upon this Emaum Sahib embarked all the Treasures on two ships and sailed in June to Metchlepatam and went to Golcondah where he is a welcome Guest.

46. It is only from Nazir Jung can expect any settlement of Affairs. Subderally Cawn gives orders at present, but is little obeyed. No vent for Goods up Countrey ever since April, Traders afraid.

47. The Rajahs of the Countrey about Vizagapatam and Ingeram rise threatning a revolt, but those troubles were soon over.

48. Some troubles were apprehended about Fort St. David on account of a Braminy, but prevented by the death of the Nabobs Youngest Son.

49. The Nahib[2] Nabob of Patna Marched with 16,000 Horse against the Nabob of Muxadavad, a Battle ensued in w^{ch}. the last was killed, everything was soon quiet.

50. Some Disputes between the Casts at St. David are Quieted.

51. On an Invitation to settle at a Port opened north of Vizagapatam, sent a Person to enquire if proper sorts of Cloth were made there.

Fifthly, Fortifications & Revenues.

52. Consultations will show the Orders made to Defend the Place, what done was far short of what necessary in case of an Attack. Have but three good Bastions in the White Town, a slight Wall from the Bridge to Caldeira Point, from the Bridge to Charles Point there is no Wall, and the Rivers so shallow an Enemy may Easily Enter. As a Wall is very necessary hope the Building one will be approved when can get the Materials ready.

53. Carried on and finished the Wall of the Black Town to Caldeira Point being 310 Feet, the Cost was 1,435 pag^{o}. 34 fa. 9 ca.: All along the Seaside West and North there never was a Wall, if an Enemy push'd by the Fishing Point all the Black Town wou'd lye open to 'em, to prevent which carried on a Wall from said Point to the Blockhouse and mounted four Guns, fixing strong Palisadoes thence to the Sea. The Natives have been suffered to build Houses within 30 feet of the Wall which found now to be inconvenient. Some are pulled down and paid for. The Curtains are not filled up with Earth. An able Engineer might mend defects, shall undertake only what necessary. Fear the Facility with which the Morattas obtained so large a Plunder will be a powerful Charm to repeat their Visits often. Submit it to the Company to send such a Number of men as will defend the several works of a large Extent.

54. Shall Discharge the supernumerary Peons when the Province is settled, but Listing People very difficult, beleive the Company are for keeping up a moderate Force. Have wrote to the Bay for what Europeans can be engaged, having but 73 at S^{t}. Davids.

55. Advanced 350 Pagodoes to mend Streets, Bridges and Roads.

XI. Alamparai, a sea port in Chingleput district.

2 Deputy. Vide Naib on page 613, *Hobson Jobson.*

56. Denyed the Inhabitants a Grant of some Ground gained by carrying a Wharf into the River, as it may be wanted to build a Wall upon.

57. Made 30 wooden Horses for the Warehouse and built two new Choultries.

58. Were petitioned by the Mayors Court to repair the Banksall.

59. Messrs. Burton and Sanders petitioned for some wast ground.

60. Consented to the Repair of the Moat round the Fort at St. David, the charge is computed at 4,200 pag°., its for the Safety of the Place.

61. Supplied Fort S^{t}. David with Warlike Stores.

62. Repairs at Vizagapatam set about Estimated at 1,353 pagodas.

63. Agreed to Coin Gold Mohurs 25th February.

64. Were supplied with Madrass Pagodas for Vizagapatam per Consultation 9 July.

SIXTHLY, COVENANT SERVANTS.

65. No Covenant Servants have Died since their last.

66. Messrs. Holt, Rider, Stacey, Smith and Churchey Arrived. Messrs. Greenhaugh, Wynch and Cooke return thanks. Have only one monthly Writer who is wanted by the Storekeeper. Have given Commissions to Lieutenant Southby and Ensign Von Franken.

67. Interpreter Dying appointed his Brother in his Stead.

68. Ordered Vizagapatam to pay a debt due from D^{r}. Gibson deceased to a Countrey Renter out of his Effects he being troublesome.

69. Allowed Messrs. Hope and Hatton Diet Money, and Lieutenant Lane 10 pag°. a month. Soldiers on Royal Guardian Mounted guard.

70. James Flint came from Bombay and was sent for China on Augusta.

71. Cap^{t}. Coxson and his two Mates of the ship Nancy sent to England for their behaviour in Pondicherry Road per Consultation 18th & 28th July.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

72. Bills of Exchange Drawn as per postscript.

73. Ship Duke Lorrains Invoice was cast up 5,000 pag°. too much.

EIGHTHLY, WEST COAST.

74. Have listed 20 Arabs and a Serjeant for the West Coast.

75. Its doubtful if the Hardwicke will be sent thither, have therefore desired that the Goods Indented for from Bengal be sent on the ship Princess Augusta.

OF FRENCH & OTHER SHIPS.

76. Five ships are Arrived at Pondicherry, three more expected, they give out three will be kept in India for want of goods. Will have 300 Soldiers, 90 to 100 Chests Silver in Each Ship.

77. Tempest Milner is arrived at Porto Novo in a ship from Lisbon, she proceeded to Bengal 17th August.

SUPPLEMENT.

78. Are advised from Bengal that the Prince William and Princess Wales were safe in that river.

79. Hope the Heathcote will be ready to sail in 3 or 4 days.

80. Cordage received short per Wilmington per Consultation 30th August, Endorsed it off the Bill of Loading.

81. Ship Montagu arrived at Bombay 16th July.

82. Amount of the Wilmingtons Invoice is Pag°. 165,346. fa. 26. ca. 55. Cap^{t}. Madox Register 8,500 pag°. Diamonds pag°. 32,184. 21. 38. Bills of Exchange drawn are viz^{t}.

	at 7 s. 8 d.			
£	39	14	6	payable to Judah Supino & Son.
,,	128	16	8	Ditto.
,,	150	—	—	Joseph Dias & Abram Fernandes Nunes.
,,	315	18	5	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
,,	210	4	3	
,,	435	2	7	Moses Espinoza.
,,	90	18	8	Judah Supino & Son.
,,	250	—	—	
,,	685	8	—	John Sanderson Esq.
	at 7 s. 4 d.			
,,	500	—	—	Charles Peers Esq.

In all Pagodoes 7,388. 12. 4. £ 2,809. 8. 11.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1740. RECEIVED VIA FRANCE 6TH MAY, 1741. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 4, p. 319. (India office transcript)*].

Ship Royal Guardian, Henry Hoadly, arrived at Fort S^{t}. George from England 3d. April having lost his passage to the Mallabar Coast. She proceeds thither this Month.

Ship Prince William arrived from Bombay 21th May and Sail'd to the Bay 14th June.

Ship Princess Wales arrived 12th June Sailed 1st July for the Bay.

	Arrived	Sailed
Wilmington	15 June	6th Sept^{r}. for England.
Princess Louisa	12 Aug^{t}.	23 Aug^{t}. for Bay.
Heathcote	15 Aug^{t}.	11th or 12th Sept^{r}. for the Bay.
Colchester	18 D°.	Loading for England.
Hardwicke	20 D°.	29 Aug^{t}. for the Bay.

Are advised that the Ships Prince William and Princess Wales are safe arrived in Bengal, and that Cap^{t}. Walter Hoxton Dyed the 29th July.

Ships Hardwicke and Bedford fell in company off the Cape whereby are advised of the Ships arrived and not arrived at S^{t}. Helena.

Ship Somerset sprung a Leak at Fort Marlbrô, refitted at Batavia, and returned to Fort Marlbrô 8 July (June).

Ship Montagu lost her passage to Mocha and arrived at Bombay 16th July, but a Cargo of Coffee had been bought for her and freighted for Bombay on some Country Ships.

Hope the Ship Colchester will be ready to sail by the End of this Month.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 12, 1740. RECEIVED PER COLCHESTER 30TH JUNE, 1741. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 326—329. (India office transcript)*].

1. Ship Wilmington sail'd the 6th September with their last of the 5th of that month, shall now Reply to the Companys Letters, adding occurrences.

2. The Companys own ship Princess Augusta arrived 8th September from Bengal with 2,500 Bags Salt Petre, she sail'd 7th Instant for West Coast.

3. Royal Guardian sail'd for the Mallabar Coast 21th September, sent on her 100 Bolts Duck.

4. Sloop Carolina arrived 22th Sept^{r}. from Fort Marlborough, being very Leaky ordered her in to Fort St. David River to repair.

5. Ship Durrington arrived 24th Sept^{r}. Captains reasons are Enter'd next day, she sail'd for Bengal the 7th Instant with 224 Candy Redwood.

6. Are advised from Bombay the 3d Sept^{r}. that Angria was preparing all his Forces by Sea as beleived to fall on the Sciddees or reduce Colaby.

7. They proposed to dispatch the Warwick in a few days.

8. Mr. Waters purchased 4,000 Bales Coffee at Mocha under dollars 70.

9. Are the more Concerned at the Damage on Coast Goods as can't account for it. The Captains tell 'em pieces in the Middle of Bales are damaged when those on the outside are free from it, shou'd be glad to know the Truth of it from the Company. If so it must arise from the Badness of the Water in Dry years by Salt Springs, its particles mixing with Conjee and Chunam.—the least appearence of Damage must be discovered by the many hands it goes through. The Bales are covered with Tarpaulins on shipping off and sufficient dunnage is laid in the Boats. Washers are directed to be careful what water they use. The boats have a great way to row, squalls of heavy rain happen sometimes.

10. Tea per Godolphin was calculated by the Charterparty according to which she brought from China 480 Tons.

11. The Supra Cargoes believed the Gold would fall short in the Touch, the complaint general of late years, the Bargain was as good as possible.

12. A Voyage to China would have been profitable, not one Macao ship has been on the Coast this year, the French sent one.

13. Journals of the West Coast Vessels are Delivered in, the Princess Augusta is a sailing ship, and may be back in January, she was sheathed in Bengal, the Charges rup. 9,304. 9 — but rup. 4,483. 3 — part thereof is for Wages and provisions all paid by the Buxie, her Cost at Bombay was rup. 39,575. qrs 3. raes. 57.

14. Enclose a paper of M^{r}. Sandersons omitted by mistake.

15. Should not doubt of giving satisfaction if success equal to desires.

16. Wilmington and Colchester took more Bales than Tonnage.

SECONDLY, GOODS FROM EUROPE.

17. The Commanders have copys of Bills of Lading at no Expence.

18. The Heathcote sail'd for Bengal 11 Sept^{r}. with rup. 32. 8,000. The Jenny was arrived safe at Rogues River. Desire to know whether the Companys Estate must be risqued only upon their own ships or Continue the method as some years past.

19. Shall dispose of the Iron as directed, Danes imported 100 ton and above, they sold it at 9 pagodoes a Candy.

20. The 3 per cent abated the Merchants for the Broad Cloth of 1737 was for its being higher Invoiced than the year before. The patt[e]rns are not looked upon, one year in five, being so delicately pressed and Ironed have a Beauty far superior to the Pieces—Orders shall be obeyed as to the Disposal.

21. Ready money shall be paid in future for Broad Cloth.

22. Are concerned as to Mr. Pitts Bills, the Cash was reduced to 7,000 Pagodoes.

23. Sold 700 Candy Lead at 13 pag°. a Candy in Sept^r. to Sringa Chitty.

24. Received Can. 114 : md. 10 : lb. 11. Lead per George from the West Coast.

25. A Cable was cut in 3 places as it lay on the Strand.

THIRDLY, INVESTMENTS.

26. The French may partly see their Error in giving so much. Trusting Money in the Countrey at any distance is very hazardous. The Merchants take but little Money of 'em since the Troubles—Send none so far South as Salem suspecting the Morattas will visit those parts. Much doubt it will be some time before the Prices fall. If the French do anything at all, it will keep up the Prices. Are informed 4,000 Bales are shipp'd off for Batavia whence Java and the Eastern Isles are supplied. Merchants change places and alter orders every month.

27. Different hands interfere too much with one another. Pride, Envy, Malice and Revenge are prevalent in the Merchants.

28. What fine and Midling Cloth sent the Company hitherto was at stated prices, by which the Merchants lost, are now on a different footing, the Quantity depends on the fine thread brought from other Countreys which is never equal to the demand.

29. From the middle of December to the end of January more Cloth is brought in than at any other time. Have no reason to fear any of the Merchants Ballances will be bad debts.

30. Salem Cloth being brought overland incurs an Expence, on comparing it with St. Davids, hope it will sell better as its dearer.

31. Vizagapatam and Ingeram Cloth are both Improved. Servants shall not quit the Posts allotted 'em except for extraordinary reasons.

32. Believe Andiapa of Porto Novo may be engaged in the Service, but he will not be tyed up from supplying other Traders.

33. Some new Merchants are engaged at St David and shall correspond with 'em before January to engage more within the bounds, but its too dangerous to Indulge 'em with privileges as to their Casts. Before the New Charter came out the Merchants were Exempted from the Ordinary Courts of Justice, the same Protection may perhaps cause an emulation in the Richest Men to Engage in the Companys service.

34. Indigo grows in that Coast, shall send some in January for trial.

35. Paragraphs are duly regarded if not always particularly Answered.

36. Pegu is involved in a War, Coja Simone will press Salt Petre affair.

FOURTHLY, COUNTREY GOVERNMENTS.

37. Presents to Imaum Sahib were only a meer piece of Respect. His Expences during his stay for 2 or 3 days much exceed it. Nazir Jung at Golcondah received him very Graciously.

38. The French and Tanjoreens have Disagreed, their Settlement at Karracal will be an Expensive affair, believe Mons^r. Dumas wishes he had not undertaken it. They are preparing a Force for the Mallabar Coast. Are not able to Inform of what passes at Pondicherry having no Allowance for secret Service. A Popish Church in the heart of Madrass governed by French Priests is a Channel for Intelligence for which there is not an Equivalent at Pondicherry.

39. Ship Galatea carried a freight for Armenians to Busseir in Persia under articles not to touch at Gombroon the Dutys being 8 per cent whereas only 1 per cent was paid at Busseir and had entire liberty of the Port to the great benefit of the Voyage. Have received into the Companys Cash at Madrass pago. 345 : fa. 25 : ca. 16 for Gombroon Dutys on Galateas Goods.

40. Sale of Raw Silk per Lyell Explained. Few Goods of value are sold at Outcry, where the Merchants combine in private affairs they look out for Countrey Merchants as they come into Town. It will not be difficult for bad Men at the Head of Affairs to buy Bargains at Outcry.

Fifthly, Fortifications & Revenues.

41. Ardent Sun and heavy Rains affect Buildings.

42. Pagodoes and Rupees shall be kept up to weight & Fineness. Assay Masters reply to Mr. Horts remarks is Enter'd 11th Sept^{r}., if opportunity offers charge of coinage shall be reduced.

Sixthly, of Covenant Servants.

43. Directions in several Paragraphs shall be complied with.

44. Mr. William Belches gone to Bengal.

45. Shall keep servants close to business & encourage all per standing Orders.

46. Mr. Henry Powney is Translator.

47. Having more men than two Companys were Limited to, have form'd 'em into a Distinct Company and given the Command to Lieutenant Southby.

48. Mayors Court take care of deceased persons estates, desire particular directions as to Captains who borrow Money and are Deceased.

49. Order as to purchase of Silver shall be complied with.

50. Hope 7s. 8d. a pagoda will be allowed to deceased Servants, and desire Bills of Exchange may be permitted 'em.

51. Doubt whether Certificates will be deemed a sufficient acquittance, the power over deceased persons estates rests with another Court.

52. Apprehend inconveniences for want of directions as to Intestates. The Case of Woollaston and Moses stated in that respect.

Seventhly, Accounts.

53. Bills of Exchange are particularized in a Postscript.

Eighthly, West Coast.

54. Some Topasses and Arabs with 30 Barrels Gunpowder sent on Augusta.

Supplement.

55. Think the Tobacco Farm will be let at the usual rate.

56. Robert Heath as Mate of the Nancys sent to England.

57. Morattas are encamped in Steringapatam. The Carnatick Raja who was at war with Tellicherry has Compounded with 'em for 300,000 Pagodoes. Not having passed the Kistna tho' fordable apprehend they Intend to march into Tritchanapoly and Tanjore except Chunda Sahib pacifys 'em with a sum of Money. Its reported the Morattas sent 18 Laack rupees and 45 Elephants as a present to Nazir Jung.

58. Sold 50 Pipes Madeira Wine at pago. 51 : fa. 32 : ca. 60. a pipe believe the remainder will be sold in a few months.

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